

Sermons of Walter Stafford Swetnam, PhD (1900 – 2000)

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THE FLESH AND THE SPIRIT

"TO BE CAR'NALLY MINDED IS DEATH; BUT TO BE SPIRITUALLY MINDED IS LIFE AND PEACE."

- ROM. 8:6

INT. - WM. JAMES ASKED MEANING OF SPIRITUAL,
SAID, "I CAN'T DEFINE, BUT PHILLIPS BROOKS IS,
I MIND, FLESH, SPIRIT

1. *Open* mind - TOTALITY OF THOUGHT AND PUR-
POSE - WHAT IS REALLY IN US. "LET THIS MIND BE
IN YOU....." PHIL. 2:5

2. THE SPIRIT - BREATH, WIND - JOHN 3:8 -
 "THE WIND BLOWETH.....BORN OF THE SPIRIT." ALSO
 THE LIFE OF MAN OR BEAST, AND THE SPIRIT, OR
 GHOST OF MAN AS CONCEIVED OF AFTER DEATH. ALSO
 THE INTANGIBLE PRINCIPLE THAT MAKES MAN MAN.
 ALSO A SIMILAR PRINCIPLE THAT IS GOD. ALSO
 THIS PRINCIPLE EMANATING FROM GOD AND AFFECTING
 MAN - THE HOLY SPIRIT

3. *Sept* FLESH (L. CARNIS, HENCE CARNAL)
SOFT PART OF BODY, AS CONTRASTED W/ BONE; BUT
ESP. REFERS TO THE WHOLE HUMAN SELF
|| THE FLESH AND THE SPIRIT

II THE FLESH AND THE SPIRIT
I. THE FLESH - MAN AS HE IS APART FROM DIVINE
INFLUENCE - SELFISH, AGGRESSIVE, UNSCRUPULOUS,
WANTING HIS OWN WAY.

1. THE FLESH - MAN AS HE IS APART FROM DIVINE INFLUENCE - SELFISH, AGGRESSIVE, UNSCRUPULOUS, WANTING HIS OWN WAY.

2. OFTEN THAT OF AS DENOTING ONLY SEXUAL IMMORALITY AND INTemperance, BUT LUTHER SAYS:

3. THE SPIRIT - MAN AS TRANSFORMED BY SPIRIT OF GOD IN HIM

4. THE WORKS OF THE FLESH - GAL. 5:18FF - NOT ONLY IMMORALITY AND INTemperance, BUT ENvy, STRIFE, PARTY SPIRIT, ANGER - IN SHORT.

ASSERTION OF SELF - *cf. I Cor. 3:1-4*
5. THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT - LOVE, JOY, PEACE
PATIENCE, ETC.

III DEATH AND LIFE

1. WE MAKE LAWS AGAINST WORKS OF FLESH, BUT IMPOSSIBLE TO DEFINE CLOSELY, TOTALLY IMP. TO ATTAIN LIFE BY SUCH LAWS - SPIRIT NEEDS NO LAW
2. IF OUR MIND SET IS ON FLESH, WE ARE DEAD ALREADY!

3. IF WE WERE PERFECTLY SPIRITUAL, ALL WOULD BE PEACE, ETC. WE ARE NOT; CONSTANT CONFLICT.

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"TRULY.....WHATEVER YOU BIND ON EARTH SHALL
BE BOUND IN HEAVEN.....LOOSED IN HEAVEN."

—MATT. 18:18

INT. - THIS WORD ALSO IN MATT. 16:19, ADDRESSED TO PETER - KEYS OF KINGDOM; BUT HERE TO US ALL. "TWO OR THREE AGREE...ASK...." PART OF SAME WORD. WE ARE QUICK TO CLAIM THAT, RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT RESP. OF THIS VERSE

THE GREAT PARADOX - GOD'S INFINITE MERCY,
MAN'S HINDERING SELFISHNESS

I. GOD HAS FORGIVEN OUR SINS, YET WE CONFESS
SIN AND ASK FORGIVENESS - "HAS HE FORGIVEN.....?"

2. X DIED FOR SINS OF WHOLE WORLD (1 JOHN 2:2)
YET MANY ARE SEPARATED FROM HIM, APP. LOST

3. GOD HAS DECREED ALL THINGS, YET GIVES US
POWER TO BIND AND LOOSE - Cf. John 8:23 "I am light"

4. WHEN WE REFUSE FORGIVENESS, WE CUT PEOPLE (OURSELVES TOO) OFF FROM GOD'S FORGIVENESS
!! JESUS WAS TALKING ABOUT FORGIVENESS

1. "DO NOT DESPISE THESE LITTLE ONES...." NOT JUST TALKING OF LITTLE BABIES, AS BECOMES CLEAR IF WE READ WHOLE PASSAGE

2. "IF YOUR BROTHER SINGS AG, YOU!"- THIS ASSUMES HE IS REALLY WRONG - GIFT AT ALTAR.....

3. HOW MANY TIMES? SEVEN? 490?

4. "I DON'T HAVE TO FORGIVE HIM UNLESS HE

REPENTS" (DOES THIS MEAN, UNLESS HE ADMITS HE WAS WRONGT WAS HE WRONGT)

5. COMMUNISTS, CRIMINALS, JAMES FORMAN, ALL THE EVIL, UNREPENTANT PEOPLE IN WORLD. HOW DOES X FEEL TOWARD THEM? WEATHER, POSITIVE...

6. CAN WE FEEL THAT WAY? AND IF NOT, ARE WE CUTTING THEM OFF FROM GOD'S MERCY?

I. NOT JUST CALLS US TO BE LIKE HIM, BUT MAKES US HIS CHILDREN, VINE AND BRANCHES

2. GOD LOVES THE POOR. GOD LOVES THE SICK. GOD LOVES THE
REACHED TO SPIRITS IN PRISON !! PET. 3:19

WORK UNLESS WE WORK TOO - BIND, LOOSE

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"FOR FREEDOM CHRIST HAS SET US FREE. STAND FAST, THEREFORE, AND DO NOT SUBMIT AGAIN TO A YOKE OF SLAVERY." -- GAL. 5:1

INT. -- REFORMATION DAY "PROTESTANT HERITAGE DAY" -- GALATIANS, MAGRA CARTA OF REFORMATION -- LUTHER REALLY BEGAN THERE.

1. THE ISSUE IN GALATIANS -- CIRCUMCISION

1. GENTILE XIANS, ACCEPTED WITHOUT C. -- SOME SAID, "NO, YOU MUST BE C." REAL ISSUE -- ARE WE SAVED BY GOD'S GIFT OF GRACE, OR BY STRG WE DO?

2. AND, SECONDARILY, WHO IS TO SAY WHAT WE MUST DO TO BE SAVED?

3. XIAN FREEDOM MEANT, NOT FREEDOM TO DO WHAT THEY PLEASED, BUT THAT NOBODY HAD RIGHT TO SET CONDITIONS FOR SALVATION.

1. WHAT WAS THE REFORMATION? *on church's side*

1. NOT JUST RE-STUDYING THEOLOGY, OVERGROWN w/ SUPERSTITION, (THO THIS WAS MUCH NEEDED, AND INDEED IS NEEDED TODAY), BUT REAFFIRMATION OF THIS PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM

2. CHURCH MAY SAY, "UNLESS YOU ARE BAPTIZED, TAKE COMMUNION, YOU ARE NOT SAVED"; MOREOVER, CHURCH MAY SAY THIS MUST BE DONE BY MINISTER WHO WAS ORDAINED BY A MINISTER WHO.... THAT IS EQUIVALENT TO SAYING, "THIS ORGANIZATION IS THE CHURCH, AND GOD CAN'T ACT EXCEPT THRO IT"

3. REFORMATION REAFFIRMED THAT WHEREVER PEOPLE WHOSE HEARTS ARE TRANSFORMED BY H.S. MEET TOG, THAT IS THE CHURCH. NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE SAYS

1. THE ISSUE TODAY -- RESPONSIBLE FREEDOM

1. STILL THE TENDENCY TO MAKE RULES -- DON'T DRINK, DON'T SMOKE, DON'T GAMBLE, DON'T CUSS.... DO TITHE, GO TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY, HAVE FAMILY WORSHIP -- MAYBE GOOD RULES, BUT ANY RULES ARE VIOLATION OF SPIRIT OF XIAN FREEDOM

2. ANALOGY OF MINISTER -- FREE, NO DOGS, NO TIME CLOCK, IF HE DECIDES TO MOW LAWN, GO FISH OR SPEND DAY IN BED, UP TO HIM. YET HE HAS TO CERTAIN WELL DEFINED DUTIES. *responsibility*

2. SO EVERY XIAN, FREE, NOT TO DO AS HE PLEASES BUT TO SERVE RESPONSIBLY.

A LAW FOR ITS TIME. RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVERYONE WHO KILLS A MAN SHALL BE PUT TO DEATH. HE WHO KILLS A BEAST SHALL MAKE IT GOOD, LIFE FOR LIFE. WHEN A MAN CAUSES A DISFIGUREMENT... AS HE HAS DONE SO SHALL IT BE DONE TO HIM.... EYE FOR EYE, TOOTH FOR TOOTH....." -- LEV. 24:17-20

INT. -- LEVITICUS, BOOK OF THE MONTH *Deuteronomy*

1. THE LAW OF THE LEVITICUS *the priests' code*

1. PRIESTS AND LEVITES

2. MIXTURE OF CIVIL CODE AND BOOK OF CH. CROR

3. "I CAME NOT TO DESTROY, BUT TO FULFILL."

1. THE LAW OF RESPONSIBILITY

1. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT -- *better than bloodshed*

SIN AG. GOD, STONED BY PEOPLE

SIN AG. STATE, SWORD OF EXECUTIONER

1. INDIVIDUAL, DEATH BY AVENGER OF BLOOD

1. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT DIVINELY ORDAINED?

MANY STATES ABOLISHING -- DIFFICULTY OF SUPPLYING PROOF OF GUILT -- HAS THE STATE THE RIGHT TO TAKE A LIFE? WOULD YOU WANT TO BE AN EXECUTIONER? (HOW ABOUT BEING PENOLOGIST OR WAS CAP PUNISHMENT A LAW FOR ITS DAY?)

2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR INJURY -- EYE FOR EYE MUCH BETTER THAN -- HE KILLED MY CON, I'LL KILL HIS WHOLE HERD! HE KNOCKED OUT MY SON'S TOOTH, I'LL KNOCK OUT ALL HIS TEETH.

PRINCIPLE CARRIED INTO OUR CIVIL CODE, SUBSTITUTING MONEY COMPENSATION FOR PERS. INJURY

3. JESUS SAID, "BUT I SAY, RESIST NOT EVIL" NOT THAT WE SHOULD REJECT OUR RESPONSIBILITY BUT THAT WE MEET IT IN SPIRIT OF LOVE

1. A LAW FOR ITS TIME, RESPONSIBILITY FOREVER

1. JESUS WAS SPEAKING OF PERSONAL RETALIATION NOT OF COURT PROCEDURE -- IN COMPLEX SOCIETY, POLICE, COURTS, PRISONS NECESSARY

2. GOLDEN RULE -- IF WE HAVE INJURED ANYONE, COMPENSATE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE; IF WE HAVE BEEN INJURED, SEEK TO REPAY GOOD FOR EVIL

3. OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER -- LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF -- EVEN IF HE IS YOUR ENEMY

Q THE REMNANT

"SO TOO AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE IS A REMNANT, CHOSEN BY GRACE." -- ROM. 11:5

INT. -- ISAIAH AND HIS CHILDREN *7:7*

1. THE REMNANT OF ISRAEL

1. OF ISRAEL, ABOUT TO BE DESTROYED, NOT OF JUDAH, TEMPORARILY SAFE (AND NOT OF LATER EXILES OF JUDAH; FROM BABYLON)

2. PEOPLE, BY THEIR FOLLY AND SIN, BRING DESTRUCTION ON THSLVS, BUT GOD, IN MERCY, PRESERVES A REMNANT -- ISRAEL SEPARATED FR JERUSALEM, THE TEMPLE, ETC., BUT GOD SENT PROPHETS TO THEM, AMOS, HOSEA, ELIJAH

3. ELIJAH'S 7000 -- PAUL'S REMNANT OF ISRAEL *the chosen by grace*

1. CHOSEN BY GRACE

1. IT IS ONLY BY GRACE THAT ANY ARE CHOSEN FOOLISH TO SAY, "WHY DIDN'T HE CHOOSE ALL?"

2. NOT ALL ISRAEL IS ISRAEL -- THE REMNANT IS ISRAEL

3. "AND SO ALL ISR. SHALL BE SAVED" 11:26 NOT TO BE TAKEN AS PREDICTION THAT FINALLY ALL JEWS CONVERTED EN MASSE *the chosen by grace*

4. "EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW...." ULTIMATELY X TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY ALL, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN ALL SAVED.

5. JESUS, "STRAIT IS THE GATE.... MANY (OF THOSE WHO PROFESS FAITH).... WONDERFUL WORKS DEPART, I NEVER KNEW YOU"

6. THOSE CHOSEN BY GRACE NOT ARBITRARILY CHOSEN -- THEY ARE STRIVING TO OBEY, THEY CHOOSE GOD'S GRACE FOR THEMSELVES

1. AT THIS PRESENT TIME *8:35-39*

1. DO WE FEEL SO FEW, SMALL, NO USE TO TRY

2. DO WE FEEL THAT "WE ARE THE CHOSEN FEW"

3. FACT THAT EVEN A REMNANT IS CHOSEN IS CAUSE TO MARVEL -- TO KNOW THAT WE ARE OF THAT RMNT IS MOTIVE TO LABOR

IF FOR WE ARE MEMBERS, ONE OF ANOTHER."

-EPH. 4:25

INT. - CHARTER MBR AT WBRG, CH OF GOD,

MY FATHER'S HOUSE"

I UNITY IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

1. FIGURES IN SS:

ONE VINE, MANY BRANCHES

ONE SHEPHERD, ONE FLOCK, MANY SHEEP

ONE BUILDING, MANY STONES

ONE BODY, MANY MEMBERS

2. ONE CHURCH, MANY DENOMINATIONS

3. ONE PEOPLE WHOM GOD LOVES, IN OR OUT OF

THE CHURCH

11 BECAUSE WE ARE MEMBERS OF ONE ANOTHER.....

1. LIE NOT - LYING TO DOCTOR, TO LAWYER,

LIKE LYING TO YOURSELF

2. SO IS LYING TO FELLOW MEMBER

3. (OF COURSE, LYING IS SIN, ABOMINATION

TO THE LORD, VERY PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE"

4. HIDING OURSELVES FROM OUR BROTHER, LIVING

AS IF WE WERE ALONE, NOT PART OF A BODY

5. HIDING FROM OUR BROTHER'S NEED, FOR HELP

FOR LOVE, FOR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING

6. "HANGRY AND SIN NOT.....SUN GO DOWN...." -

IF YOUR BROTHER GETS ON YOUR NERVES (HE DOES

JUST AS YOUR TEETH STING BITE YOUR CHEEK)

DON'T HOLD A GRUDGE, STAY ANGRY, HE IS PART

OF YOURSELF

7. BE HONEST, HELPFUL, KIND, FORGIVING.

YOU ARE PART OF X, WHO IS KIND, FORGIVING;

AND YOUR BROTHER IS PART OF YOU, AND OF X

111 COMMUNION AS PLEDGE OF UNITY

1. WE SHARE THE BREAD, CUP, ONE BODY

2. THIS IS TO REMIND US OF X, OF OUR UNITY

WITH HIM

3. AND TO BRING IT TO PASS. UNITY NEVER

FULLY ATTAINED, THIS IS A MEANS OF ATTAINING

4. "TAKE, EAT, THIS IS FOR YOU" X GAVE

FREELY, LET US GIVE FREELY TOO

(2:25-X)

(3:2)

IT'S HARD TO BE A CHRISTIAN

"the gate is narrow, and the way is hard,

that leads to life; and those who find it

are few."

-- Matt. 7:14

Int. - Edward Bok, immigrant, made grt

success in business, impressed by fact th

road to success not crowded, but lonely

Jesus, "Road to destr. easy, life hard!

I What Are You Talking About? EASY to b In

1. Much easier to join church than DAR, or

country club

2. Service clubs turn you out if you miss

too many meetings - church, as as you pleas

3. All you have to do is believe! Soldier

XX 4. You don't have to keep Com - X kept

11 Then Why Did Jesus Say It Is Hard? --

Because It IS Hard, if you Really Believe

1. Faith and conduct are not the simple

things we imagined in childhood - we grow

up, go to high schl, college, study science

philosophy, meet complicated social problem

2. If we really believe, we can't be casual

about faith, conduct; as, for exm:

In marriage, if a man bel. that his wife

really loves, trusts him, he can't treat

her just any way, MUST go all out for her

welfare and happiness;

A yng man app. to West Point, did so soft

job, govt. pays for everything, all he has to do

is pass exams somehow - but if he bel. that he

entrusted w/ serious mission, become offer.

3. If we bel. X loved us, kept. com., died

not to save us trouble, but make us like

himself, we MUST try our utmost for him

111 IT'S HARD TO BE FREE, Make Decisions

Try. Keep these rules, do this... easy; but

be responsible, make decisions... hard!

WHAT WE PREACH IS NOT OURSELVES, BUT JESUS

CHRIST AS LORD, WITH OURSELVES AS YOUR

SERVANTS FOR JESUS' SAKE." -- 11 Cor. 4:5

INT. - THE NEW PASTOR

1 ONE THEME - MANY VARIATIONS

1. NOT JUST ONE TOPIC

2. NOT JUST THE NEW TESTAMENT

3. JESUS HIMSELF STUDIED OT, USED FREELY,

INTERPRETED WITH RELATION TO HIMSELF

4. NOT JUST MESSIANIC PROPHECIES, BUT WHOL

OT MESSAGE - EXPERIENCES OF PATRIARCHS AND

ISRAEL, LAW, PREACHING OF PROPHETS, PSALMS,

PHILOSOPHY OF PROVERBS, ALL ARE PART OF

GOD'S PURPOSE OF REDEMPTION, ALL HAVE MEAN-

ING IN RELATION TO X

5. I DON'T PREACH EXCLUSIVELY ABOUT X -

WHEN I PREACH OF PROBLEMS OF TODAY, WARN OF

SIN OR EXHORT TO FAITHFULNESS, ALL IN REL X

11 BUT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD

1. HE IS GOD; IN ALL THINGS PREEMINENT -

CBL. 1:15-20

2. HEB. 1:1FF - GOD HAS SPOKEN.....THRO A SON

ALL OTHER REVELATIONS OF GOD YIELD TO REV.

IN X - HE IS THE WORD

3. MANY PEOPLE PREFER TO LIVE BY OT - LESS

DEMANDING - AFTER ALL, IT'S IN THE BIBLE, WE

TAKE EASY WAY

4. WHY CALL ME "LORD, LORD, AND DO NOT WHAT

I SAY?"

5. I WANT TO PRESENT X AS LORD - SAVIOR,

YES, BUT NOT SAVIOR UNLESS LORD

111 OURSELVES YOUR SERVANTS FOR JESUS' SAKE

1. JESUS MADE HIMSELF A SERVANT, CALLS US

2. MINISTER A COMMUNITY FLUNKY

3. "PRAY YOURSELF,.....PAID FOR"

4. NOT TO DO WHAT YOU WANT, BUT WHAT X WANTS

NOT TO DO YOUR WORK, BUT HELP YOU BECOME W

X WANTS YOU TO BE

5. HE IS LORD OF ALL. FOR HIS SAKE I WANT

DO WHAT HE NEEDS DOING, HOWEVER MENIAL

6. I HAVE NEVER KNOWN SKILL, EXP. I HAVE

AS A

9:1-8

"TAKE HEART, MY SON, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN".

INT. -- GOING TO DOCTOR WITH SYMPTOM AND HAVING HIM START CHECKING UP ON ALL SORTS OF THINGS APPARENTLY UNRELATED TO THE REAL THING THE MATTER WITH THE PARALYTIC (AND US) WAS SIN

1. WHAT DID THE PARALYTIC THINK? HOPE OF HEALING - DID HE REPENT? HIS COMING IMPLIED SIN LIKE THAT

2. IS FORGIVENESS MORE IMPORTANT THAN HEALING, OR FOOD? BUT DO THESE CEASE TO BE IMPORTANT?

3. PROOF, NOT OF HIS POWER TO HEAL, BUT OF AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE

1. ACCEPTING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

2. WHY GO ON PUNISHING OURSELVES FOR OUR SINS? GOD HAS PROMISED US FORGIVENESS HAVE FAITH TO ACCEPT IT

3. JEROME'S DREAM - BOOKS, SCHOLARSHIP, RESEARCH, GOOD WORKS -- JEROME, GIVE ME YOUR SINS, THAT I MAY PARDON THEM

III COURAGE -- S O MOFFAT

1. FORGETTING THE THINGS BEHIND BITTER AND SHAMEFUL TO REMEMBER, THEN TO HIM AND FORGET THEM

2. SPOKEN BEFORE THE HEALING CONDITION, IF OUR LIVES ARE BRIGHT WITH GOD, WE CAN TAKE HEART AND FACE THE FUTURE WITH COURAGE

3. FORGIVENESS THRO HIS BLOOD + COMMUN. A TESTIMONY TO FORGIVENESS

What a healthy attitude... *They are happy*

REMEMBERING EVERY SIN, EVERY SHAMEFUL MEMORY, GIVE THEM ALL TO GOD

2. WHY GO ON PUNISHING OURSELVES FOR OUR SINS? GOD HAS PROMISED US FORGIVENESS HAVE FAITH TO ACCEPT IT

"...man who had no wedding garment. ... Friend, how did you get in...?..speechless!"

-- Matt. 22:11-12

INT. - The Parable and its meaning

I The Great Invitation of the Gospel

1. "As many as you find"... "bad and good"

2. Whosoever will may come

3. But NOT "Come as you are"

II The Wedding Garment

1. One man did not get ready

a. Maybe he didn't HAVE a W. Garment - or time to put it on - Does he require us to do the impossible?

b. He should have worn his best, tried

- no excuse, speechless

c. Occasion important enough to go to some trouble

2. He thought it didn't matter what he wore

3. Many in church - accept X, join church

a. don't let it make any difference in speech or customs

b. don't go to any trouble about it - attend sporadically, make half-hearted, or no preparation for church activities

III God Invites Us, All, Good and Bad, to Become His Children

1. If we accept his invitation, we must accept the relationship - that he is LORD, and we have to do what he says

2. He wants us to be a holy people, like himself - never think, bec. God invites all that we can treat him with contempt

3. Because God cares what we are like, WE must care, must do our utmost to be ready

Conclusion - H. Father give good th. not evil th. + sinners good, but hell

What will then that I should do unto thee?

Aut. - Day of novel - No question I Ba - Timoteus

1. Mentioned by name

2. what did he know of X? what expect?

2. Faith to ask the great thing

you're willing to do to change?

II Asking in Name of X

1. Faith, not magic - of Acts 19

"you know Paul & know..."

2. Faith, not selfishness -

James, "you ask, & have not, bec. you don't believe"

3. Service to God, not testing of his power. Woman who prayed for mountain to be removed

you mountain to be removed, but why should God have moved it?

III Willing of your Own Ticket

1. Your own - you can't write your neighbor's ticket - lord, make this church of real brotherhood stand in

you're all the members. Yes, even the best - that too.

c. But you over - no limit. My

who (Jesus) learned obedience through what he suffered." -- Heb. 5:8
 Int. - acceleration - end of school days, rules, discipline - NO! Not and of...
 I Discipline

1. Why have schools? Why not learn without them? Didn't Lincoln study by pine knot?
2. Possible, but few would do it - we need fixed hours, assignments, rules
3. Maybe so, college, but not!!
4. Discipline in all of life
1. Everything in life subject to laws, only in obedience to them can anything be accomplished.

Exx. Music, typing, painting, vehicle in orbit

2. We can't do things at haphazard, any way we please - rules that must be obeyed, and first be learned. !!!
 3. We can't LIVE at haphazard
- III Jesus learned obedience...suffered
1. NOT by doing wrong, being punished - George dancing at prayers
 2. But by submission to the Father - grt mystery of Trinity, rel. bet. Father, Son
 3. "ought not they to suffer, enter...glor"
 4. It was in obedience that Jesus weptly became himself.

IV Becoming themselves

1. Mystery of identity - in all world of multiplied baptisms, only one W
2. Greatest th. that can happen is become fully yourself, realize your possibilities
3. This comes thro submission - not nec. physical suffering, but submission - if we say, "MY life...what I please" we miss it!

THE DISCIPLE'S TOUCH

"AS MANY AS TOUCHED IT (GARMENT) WERE MADE WELL."

— MARK 6:56

INT. - THE CONSCIOUS, INTENTIONAL TOUCH
 'Attoral (seize, adhere) X33-like
 I THE TOUCH OF UNCLEANNES - OR HOLINES

1. IN BEG. GOD USED DISTINCTION BET. DIFF ANIMALS TO TEACH MORAL CHOICE - SOME UNCLEAR
2. DON'T EAT IT - DON'T EVEN TOUCH IT - IF YOU DO, RENDERED "UNCLEAN" UNWORTHY TO PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP, FOR TIME
3. OTHER THINGS, IF TOUCHED - LEV. 6:18 (BUT ONLY SONS OF AARON) BECAME HOLY

II TOUCHING JESUS FOR HEALTH OR CLEANSING

1. AS ABOVE, NOT STHG THAT COULD HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT AS HE PASSED BY - INTENTIONAL
2. WOMAN IN STREET - JESUS KNEW IMMEDIATELY
3. WOMAN IN HOUSE OF SIMON - LUKE 7:36FF X
4. PUBLICANS AND SINNERS WITH WHOM X ATE - NOT BLESSED BY ACCIDENT OF BEING THERE, ONLY IF THEY SOUGHT THE FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM

III TOUCHING JESUS IN COMMUNION

1. THIS IS MY BODY....FOR YOU. THIS DO....
2. THERE.....WOULD I TOUCH AND HANDLE TH UNSE
3. RC TH WINE TOO HOLY FOR PEOPLE - WE TH WHEN HE SAID "DRINK, ALL OF YOU" HE INCLUDED JS.

4. WE ARE MADE HOLY. WE NEVER CAN BE JUST ORDINARY PEOPLE AGAIN. 3 CAT 96, LORD'S SUP

..... MADE PARTAKERS OF HIS BODY AND BLOOD... SPIR. NOURISHMENT...

5. THUS, THIS CAN NEVER BE A TRIVIAL EXPERNC ALWAYS NEW, VITAL, AFTER IT NEVER SAME AGAIN

* Touched w/ feeling of our impurities... Minister who saw trouble in touch of couple

"Somebody touched me"

"Separate like 8:46
 Touched with the feeling of our infirmity" - Heb. 4:15
 Incident of pastor who saw something in face of couple (strangers) saying out of church, & discovered that they were on the verge of divorce. Related by man who gave Rel. Ed. lectures at Austin, Feb. 51

We don't always see such things but X always does. He always feels compassion, but helps from him come to those who touch him - Jewish idea that touching something would make unclean

Touching Jesus could make clean - like 7:34 "what sort of woman...touch So sitting with publicans & sinners... his very presence healed."

"Bring it children that he should touch them" - like 18:15
 Jesus established Jesus' concern

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD
 "MINE EARS THOU HAST OPENED". -- PS. 40:6
 INT - BEGINNING OF REVIVAL - SPECIAL PREACHING
 SPOKE SINGING, - AIM OF ALL, HEARING WORD
 1 SACRIFICE AND OFFERING....NOT REQUIRED
 1. PRIESTS, VS. PROPHETS

2. NOT A HARD AND FAST DIVISION, NOR ALWAYS
 OPPOSED. JER. WAS BOTH
 3. THIS WAS NOT AN EXCUSE FOR NEGLECTING
 OUTWARD OBSERVANCES OF RELIGION, BUT AN
 EFFORT TO EXPRESS CENTRAL VALUES
 4. CHURCH ATTENDANCE, SACRAMENTS, HYMNS,
 PRAYERS, ETC. HELPFUL AS MEANS, BUT NOT THE
 AIM OF RELIGION, WHICH IS TO SEEK THE LORD
 5. "SEEK YE THE LORD, WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND"
 11 MINE EARS HAST THOU OPENED

1. HEB. EARS THOU HAST OUG FOR ME -- OF
 PENETRATION OPERATION
 2. OUR CAPACITY TO SEEK AND KNOW GOD IS
 GOD GIVEN - *would by what I know not know*
 3. ATTENTION IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY -- IN
 AT ONE EAR, OUT AT THE OTHER
 111 I DELIGHT TO DO THY WILL, O MY GOD
 1. SEEKING GOD MEANS SEEKING HIS WILL FOR
 OUR LIVES

2. WHAT WILL THE PREACHER PREACH ABOUT?
 PHPS OF SINS COMMITTED, DUTIES NEGLECTED;
 PHPS CALL TO SPIR. GROWTH, CHALLENGE TO
 LARGER PARTICIPATION IN CHURCH
 3. BUT HEAR THE WORD WITH OPEN EARS,
 WILLING HEARTS, TO KNOW AND DO
 CON. - OUT OF THIS WILL COME, AS WITH
 PSALMIST, "I HAVE NOT HIDDEN THY R. IN MY
 HEART", WILL COME "NEW SONG IN MY MOUTH,
MANY SHALL SEE AND FEAR, A
 THE LORD".

AND THAT WOULD BE

"IF ANY MAN WOULD COME AFTER ME, LET HIM
 DENY HIMSELF, TAKE UP HIS CROSS DAILY, AND
 FOLLOW ME."
 -- LUKE 9:23

INT. - DISCUSSION IN SS CLASS - WHAT DID
 JESUS MEAN? MK SAYS, "THEY FOLLOWED, AFRAID"
 V. 45 SAYS, "THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND IT, IT WAS
 CONCEALED FROM THEM, AND THEY WERE AFRAID TO ASK
 IF THEY COULD UNDERSTAND WHEN HE SPOKE OF HIS
 CROSS, HOW MY CROSS? ONLY AFTER HIS DEATH, RECALLED
 1. DENY HIMSELF

1. PHILLIPS, "GIVE UP ALL RIGHT TO HIMSELF"
 2. NOT SELF DENIAL AS GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD
 3. BOOK ABOUT "SELF IMAGE" - A. TISSINGTON
 SAID, "SELFISHNESS NOT ALWAYS A VICIOUS RIGHT
 - OUR SELF, OUR INDIVIDUALITY, MOST PRECIOUS;
 MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT US - DEVELOP,
 APPRECIATE - BUT NOT WORSHIP, RATHER, DENY
 4. SET NO STORE BY OUR RIGHTS, PREROGATIVES;
 POSITION - JAMES & JOHN SEEKING CHIEF PLACES
 JESUS SAID, "LAST OF ALL, SERVANT OF ALL"
 5. PHIL. 2 X "EMPTIED HIMSELF....SERVANT...."
 6. PAUL, 1 COR. 9:15, "WHO USE OF THESE RIGHTS
 11 TAKE UP HIS CROSS DAILY

1. CROSS WAS INSTRUMENT OF DEATH
 2. TO TAKE UP THE CROSS MEANS TO FACE THE
 FACT THAT THE IMPORTANT THING IS NOT THAT WE
 GO ON LIVING, BUT THAT WE BELONG TO HIM - IF
 WE LOSE SIGHT OF THAT WE HAVE MISSED IT; THAT
 IS MEANING OF "HE THAT SAVETH...LOSES IT"
 3. IT MEANS ACCEPTING HIS WAY, NOT OUR OWN
 4. IT MEANS TAKE UP OUR RESP. TO LET GOSPEL
 DEVELOP IN OUR LIFE - THEY DIDN'T KNOW, WE
 DON'T WHEN WE START, WHAT IT WILL MEAN. WE
 ACCEPT RESP. TO LET IT DEVELOP, WHATEVER.....
 5. "DAILY" - EVERY DAY WE FACE IT AFRESH
 111 FOLLOW ME (NATURE)

1. FOLLOW HIM IN DEATH - PUT TO DEATH SELFISH
 2. FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE - READ GOSPELS OVER AND
 OVER, MORE AND MORE IMPRESSED BY WHAT HE WAS
 3. FOLLOW HIS TEACHINGS
 THE PRCH ONLY HALF THE

"SO RUN THAT YE MAY OBTAIN".

-- 1 COR. 9:24

INT. - OUTRUNNING 100 INDIANS - GREEKS
 LOVED RACING ABOVE ANY SPORT - ALL RUN, ONE
 WINS, RUN TO WIN!
 1. EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN LIFE
 1. MCPHEETERS - "SO BOX IN"
 2. IN STUDIES, IN WORK, IN XIAN LIFE, MAKE
 EVERYTHING COUNT FOR EFFECTIVENESS.
 3. "TOO LITTLE AND TOO LATE" - "PANCADA
 GRANDE MATA COBRAN"

4. AIMS OF OUR XIAN LIFE - PERSONAL RIGHT-
 EOUSNESS, SPIR. GROWTH, EFFECT. WITNESS
 11 EXCUSES ARE EASY, BUT DO NOT SERVE
 1. I'M TOO TIRED, TOO BUSY, THERE ARE TOO
 MANY THINGS TO SEE ABOUT
 2. WHY DOESN'T SOMEBODY ELSE DO IT?
 3. I'M DOING PRETTY WELL. IF EVERYBODY DID
 AS WELL AS I'M GOING, ALL WOULD BE OK
 111 SO RUN THAT YE MAY OBTAIN.

1. WORLD'S SERIES WON BY ED MATTHEWS WHEN
 HE BEAT OUT AN INFELD HIT.
 2. ALL RUN, ALL WIN; BUT RUN AS IF ONLY
 YOU COULD WIN; YET PAUL SAYS IT IN PLURA
 3. DON'T LOOK BACK, DON'T LOOK AT OTHER
 RUNNERS, LOOK ONLY AHEAD, AND RUN WITH
 DETERMINATION

No use to try, it can't be done

To achieve these aims we must
 make not a half-hearted, but an
 all out effort.
 "Receive not the grace of God in vain. For
 he that receives it, and does not
 keep it, shall be judged as if he
 had not received it."

"THE BREAD WHICH WE BREAK, IS IT NOT THE COMMUNION OF THE BODY OF CHRIST?"

-- 1 COR. 10:16

INT. - O. T. MILES, "BAPTISM ALWAYS INDIVIDUAL, COMMUNION ALWAYS TOGETHER."

THE SACRAMENTS

1. WORD NOT IN BIBLE
2. SACRAMENTUM, OATH OF FIDELITY, EARLY APPLIED TO PRACTICES IN XIAN CHURCH
3. USAGE IN R. C. CHURCH -- REFORMATION
4. S. CAT DEFINITION
5. CONTRASTED WITH BAPTISM, LORD'S SUPPER ALWAYS TOGETHER; IT IS A

II PARTICIPATION, A COMMUNION, A FELLOWSHIP

1. EACH INDIVIDUAL XIAN ALWAYS SEEKS TO REMEMBER X'S DEATH FOR HIM; "ALWAYS BEARING ABOUT IN THE BODY THE DEATH...."

2. JUST AS EACH INDIVIDUAL SEEKS TO WORK INDIVIDUALLY; BUT FAR MORE EFFECTIVE IS WORSHIP TOGETHER AS A CHURCH

3. SO EACH ONE REMEMBERS; BUT WHEN THE CHURCH REMEMBERS TOGETHER, IN THIS SACRAMENT, IT IS A COMMUNION, A FELLOWSHIP

III THE BODY OF CHRIST

1. ".....JUDGMENT, NOT DISCERNING THE BODY..." THE BODY ONCE BROKEN, OR THE LIVING BODY OF X?

2. "DIVISIONS AMONG YOU....PAUL, APOLLOS.... IS X DIVIDED?" EACH TAKES HIS OWN SUPPER, THIS IS NOT THE LORD'S SUPPER."

3. THE BREAD IS BROKEN, AS X'S BODY WAS BE BROKEN; THE COMMUNICANTS ARE UNITED IN ONE, AS X'S LIVING BODY IS ONE

A CALL TO REPENTANCE

"JESUS CAMEPREACHING.....REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL!" -- MARK 1:14-15

INT. - A SEASON OF WITNESS - A CALL TO REPENTANCE

I REPENTANCE

1. JESUS CAME TO A PEOPLE WHO PROFESSED RELIGION, WHO - "HONOR ME....LIPS....HEART FAULT"
2. A PEOPLE PREOCCUPIED W/ MATERIAL TH, VAIN OF RACE AND CLASS, WHOSE VERY RELIGION HAD BECOME SO FORMAL IT WAS BARRIER
3. A PEOPLE SELFISH AND NEEDLESS OF OTHERS WHO INDEED SOUGHT TO WIN PEOPLE (MATT 23:13-15) STILL IN SELFISH CLASS SPIRIT
4. A PEOPLE LIKE US IN 1966 - MANY SAY CHURCH NOT RELEVANT, PROPOSE RIDICULOUS IDEAS FOR MAKING IT SO

5. JESUS SAID, "REPENT AND BELIEVE GOSPEL" II BELIEVE THE GOSPEL

1. GOOD NEWS - THAT GOD DOES CARE AB MEN - THAT MAN CAN HAVE NEW LIFE - ALL MEN

- THAT REL IS NOT MATTER OF DO'S, DON'TS BUT ACCEPTANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

2. "NO USE PREACHING TO PEOPLE LIKE THAT" BUT IF SUCH PEOPLE COULD SEE THAT IT IS REAL, THEY WOULD WANT IT

3. AND HOW? LET THEM SEE IT IN US - IN OUR LOVE FOR GOD, LOVING CONCERN FOR MEN

III FAITH IS EXPECTANCY

1. WHAT IS IN STORE FOR WORLD? BURN IT UP, SAVE THE FEW GOOD?

2. SHALL ALL GOD'S PROVIDENCE GO FOR O? SURELY HE HAS CRT TH IN STORE FOR WORLD

3. HAVE FAITH IN GOD - TURN TO HIM IN TRUE REPENTANCE, PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS. WAIT

"IF ANY MAN WOULD COME AFTER ME, LET HIM DENY HIMSELF, AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS DAILY, AND FOLLOW ME". -- LUKE 9:23

INT. - "HART THOU THE X?" THEY ASKED J. BAPTIST. HE SAID "NO". IT SEEMS THEY DID NOT ASK JESUS, PHPS AFRAID HE WOULD SAY "YES". BUT HE ASKED, "WHO SAY YE....." THEN, I IF ANY MAN WOULD COME AFTER ME

1. HE GAVE THEM PLAIN FACTS - I AM THE X, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE YOU THINK - DEATH
2. NOBODY HAS TO COME, BUT IF ANY MAN WANTS TO COME.....

II DENY HIMSELF

1. NOT "SELF-DENIAL"

2. AS PETER DENIED X

3. RENOUNCE HIS OWN WAY - *not himself...not*

III TAKE UP HIS CROSS

1. SAME WORD AS "TAKE UP THY BED AND WALK" HE SAID THIS, PEOPLE DIDN'T VENERATE THE CROSS, IT WAS LIKE A GALLOWS, ONLY WORSE

2. CROSS -- INSTRUMENT OF DEATH -- WHEN HE SAID THIS, PEOPLE DIDN'T VENERATE THE CROSS, IT WAS LIKE A GALLOWS, ONLY WORSE

3. ROMANS CRUCIFIED MANY REBELS - THEY HAD SEEN CROSSES, PHPS SOME FRIENDS HAD BEEN CRUCIFIED

4. "IF YOU DO THIS YOU MAY BE CRUCIFIED" "THERE'S THE CROSS READY" - MEN AT SIEGE SURRENDERED WITH ROPES AROUND THEIR NECKS

II HAVE ALREADY TAKEN UP THE CROSS, I'M ALREADY CRUCIFIED - PAUL, "I AM C. WITH X"

-OF. COL. 3:5, "PUT TO DEATH....EARTHLY IN U"

5. DAILY -- ONLY LUKE SAYS THIS

IV THIS HE SAID TO ALL

1. THE DISCIPLES ALREADY FOLLOWED - WHO ELSE WANTS TO GO?

2. *And* WALK THE SAME ROAD

"...WE ENTREAT YOU NOT TO ACCEPT THE GRACE OF GOD IN VAIN."

--11 COR. 6:1

INT. - BEG. OF ADVENT - "PEACE ON EARTH TO MEN WITH WHOM GOD IS WELL PLEASED" - TO WHOM HE HAS GOOD WILL.

I THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

1. DOES GOD HAVE GOOD WILL TO MEN? IS HE WELL PLEASED? CERTAINLY NOT, WITH PEOPLE'S CONDUCT
2. READING DEUT. - GOD DIDN'T CHOOSE YOU BEC YOU WERE BIG, STRONG, GOOD, BUT BEC HE LOVES
3. PPL OF ISRAEL WERE STUBBORN, REBELLIOUS, SELFISH, GREEDY, CRUEL, AVARICIOUS - SO ARE WE
4. BUT THEY WERE PEOPLE, AND GOD LOVES
5. EVEN IN OT GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLES IS DECLARED; NOW IN X IT IS MANIFEST:

TITUS 2:11 GRACE...APPEARED FOR SALV. OF ALL

- JOHN 3:16, REV. 7:9, MULTITUDE...ALL NATIONS
6. THIS IS AMAZING; WE DIDN'T ASK FOR IT, OR EVEN WANT IT, BUT GOD POURED OUT HIS LOVE ON U
- II RECEIVE NOT IN VAIN

1. SINCE GOD HAS BESTOWED IT ON ALL, IN SOME SENSE ALL HAVE RECEIVED

2. PAUL ADDRESSED, NOT UNBELIEVERS, BUT XIANS
3. PARABLE OF JESUS - STONY GROUND, QUICK TO ACCEPT, GLIBLY PROFESS FAITH, SOON FORGET
- BRIERS, ACCEPT, TRY TO FOLLOW, BUT NOT VERY HARD, TOO MANY OTHER THINGS - I'M TOO BUSY, TOO TIRED, TOO... I BELIEVE, BUT BUS. IS BUS., IMPORTANT TH. IS GETTING AHEAD - I BELIEVE, BUT NO TURNING CHEEK, ASSOC. W/ NIGGERS.....
4. GOD GIVES US HIS GRACE TO MAKE US LIKE HIMSELF - IF NOT, IN VAIN

III OPEN YOUR HEARTS WIDE TO GOD'S GRACE

1. NOW IS ACCEPTABLE TIME
2. THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO "HUS" - VV 3-10
3. YOU - DON'T LET IT BE WASTED, LET GOD'S PURPOSE REALLY BE BROUGHT TO PASS IN YOU
4. ADVENT - SHALL WE BE CONTENT WITH TINSEL? CAN WE REALLY FACE FACT OF WHAT GOD HAS DONE? DON'T LET IT BE IN VAIN!

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." -- Matt. 5:5

INT. - Meekness, cont. - Meek, soft, very word disgusting to us, much more so to Jesus' hearers, accustomed to Roman and Jewish pride and sense of power, Elor: I What Was Jesus Trying to Say?

1. Poor, sorrowing, meek, not separate classes, but essentially same - overlap
2. He Was saying that important th. is to be RIGHT, to belong to God, be submit. to him, not to be rich, influential, new to have our own way

3. Saying not to exalt ourselves
II What Do We Mean by Meekness? - NOT being wispy-washy!

1. Moses was meek (Num. 12:3) but he never backed down from Pharaoh or rebels among his people, nor flinched from task -- but he would not contend for his rts
2. Jesus was meek - yet no bolder man ever lived - absol. fearless -- yet he would not push himself, ft. dev. w fire
- III Xians are Enjoined to be Meek

1. Paul, Gal. 5:22, 5 fruits of Sp., Love, joy, M Eph. 4:2, all lowliness, M, Col. 3:12
- Put on...M, I Tim. 6:11, follow love, M.
- II Tim. 2:25, in M instructing, oppose
3. Peter - answer for hope...M 3:16, 3:14, Gentle (same word) and quiet spirit
3. James - rec. w/M engrafted word
- III Inherit the Earth (land)

1. In the Bible (Ps. 37:11) but contrary to all human experience (or is it?)
2. Speak, History, who are life's vict.
3. The terrible Meek

Many waters cannot quench Love; neither can floods drown it..." -- Song, 8:7

INT. - Look of the Month, Song of Sol I A Poem about Love

1. Not BY, but ABOUT Solomon - idealized as example of manly strength and kingly splendor

2. AND Shulamith, ...queenly beauty
3. A poem about love - overflowing with poetic figures, artistically arranged.
- Read - Woman speaks 2:8-13
- Man speaks 6:4-10

4. Is it "sensual"? It does express, in beautiful language, delight man and wife should feel, each in physical person of the other

5. Nothing about God - how did it get in the Bible?

II Christ and the Church

1. It can't be just about love, it must be an allegory - about X and the Church
2. Providential - it is there because GOD wanted it to be there - and it shows us that marital love is nothing shameful
3. For love of husband and wife IS comp to that bet. X and Ch. - love not demand but giving, unselfish, enduring
- III Love is the basis of marriage

1. We take that so for granted that we often forget it altogether
2. Argue about "obey" - 1st LOVE is there each uses gladly what the other wants
3. Selfishness is the destroyer of marriage
4. "Threescore queens... only ONE" Beasts mate and forget, PEOPLE experience LOVE - for Xian deeper bec of X and Ch

THE CLEANSING GRACE OF GOD

"I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean..." 25 -- Ezekiel 36

Int. - Ezek., Ek. of No. Isa 73, J 71, Ezek. 57pp.

I. Ezekiel and His Message

1. Priest, 30 yrs old in 5th yr of exile of Jewish - prob. went w/ exiles in 597, when he was 25

2. E. saw a wheel... other visions - but not idle visionary, tremenda. sense of mission

3. Preaching to exiles, symbolic acts - hole in wall, drawing of siege, dumb for long period - silence more eff. than words

4. He owe gr't debt to E., kept faith alive in exiles

II Ezekiel's Message of Redemption

1. Disobedience and rebellion cause of punishment, great, but deserved

2. Redempt' gr't, NOT deserved - not for your sakes, for my name's sake

3. Does that mean that God acts selfish? No, but he redeems bec. he is GOD, bec. he MUST be himself

III Clean Water

1. Baptism? Not directly, but with such a text in their Bibles, it is hard to see how apostles would have flt need of further

2. But what baptism means, he was talking about - Ps. 51:10, Create in me a clean heart

3. E. did not know how or when; but saw vision of dry bones, come to life, knew

God's redemption brings new life; saw van glorious, rebuilt temple and city, knew church of God would be vaster than any

THE MESSIAH

HAND HIS DELIGHT SHALL BE IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD."

--ISAIAH 11:3

INT - THIS SUNDAY THE PROPHETS, NEXT THE GOSPELS, NEXT THE EPISTLES - ISA., MARK, EPH.

ALL BEAR TESTIMONY TO MESSIAH, CHRIST

I. THE MESSAGE OF THE PROPHETS - 5-10-5-10

1. "WE SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES... TESTIFY OF ME" - BUT WITH ALL THE SEARCHING, THEY DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING DEFINITE ENOUGH TO RECOGNIZE HIM

2. AND WHAT THEY DID FIND THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE (O FOOLS AND SLOW OF HEART) BEC. IT DID NOT AGREE WITH THEIR PRECONCEIVED IDEAS

3. THE OT IS FULL OF IT - BUT NOT SLAVISH DETAILS, BUT VISIONS OF GOD'S PURPOSE

II A POEM ABOUT A KING

1. IT WAS A POEM - RSV GOOD IN MAKING POETRY LOOK LIKE POETRY -- FULL OR POETIC FIGURES:

SMITE EARTH WITH ROD OF HIS MOUTH

RIGHTEOUSNESS THE GIRDLE OF WAIST

WOLF AND LAMB, BABY AND SNAKE

2. VISION OF IDEAL KING - ISA. DIDN'T EVEN CALL HIM A KING - SPROUT FROM STUMP OF JESSE

3. SPIRIT OF THE LORD ON HIM - NOT HS AS REVEALED AFTER INCARNATION AS PERSONAL PRESENCE

SPIRIT, TO PROPHETS, MEANT EXPRESSION OF GOD'S POWER IN SPECIAL GIFTS:

WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING

COUNSEL AND MIGHT

KNOWLEDGE AND FEAR OF THE LORD

4. ISA. SAID NOTHING OF WHEN AND HOW HE WOULD COME -- ONLY THAT GOD'S PURPOSE WOULD BE FULFILLED IN IDEAL KING

III VISION OF IDEAL PERSON - DEL. IN FEAR OF L

1. HEB. "QUICK SCENTED" - LIKE DOG AFTER GAME

2. HE "BREATHES IT IN" - GOD'S WILL IS HIS LIFE, HIS PURPOSE - "AST MY F'S BUSINESS - I CAME, W/ TO DO MY OWN WILL... NOT MY WILL..."

3. G. SMITH - ONLY PREDICTION OF SINLESSNESS OF X - NOT ABSENCE OF EVIL DEEDS, BUT TOTAL COMMITMENT TO F

THE SON OF MAN CAME, NOT TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE....."

--MARK 10:45

INT. - THREE WITNESSES TO THE X: PROPHETS, LAST SUN., THE APOSTLES, (NEXT SUN.), AND HELP

JOHN 8, "THO I BEAR WITNESS TO MYSELF... TRUE" HERE HE TELLS, NOT THE MANNER, BUT THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMING.

I HE CAME AS A SERVANT

1. PURPOSELY OMITTED FR. LAST SUN - II ISA. SERVANT OF GOD

2. HE CAME TO SERVE PEOPLE, NOT BY DOING WH. THEY WANTED, BUT BY DOING WH. THE FATHER WANTED

3. HE DID NOT TRY TO PLEASE, INDEED PLEASED FEW:

PHARISEES WANTED HIM TO CONFORM TO CUSTOM AND EXCLUSIVISM

ZEALOTS WANTED HIM TO LEAD REVOLUTION

OTHERS WANTED "SIGN" STHG SPECTACULAR

3. EVEN WORKS OF MERCY OFTEN DID NOT PLEASE

GADARENE - SWINE - DEPART

JAIROS, "QUICK!" - DELAY

NARTHA, "IF YOU HAD BEEN HERE....."

4. PEOPLE ASKED HIM TO DO THINGS:

SPK TO MY BROTHER... DIVIDE INHERITANCE

GIVE MY SONS THE BEST PLACES

II HE WAS SERVANT OF MAN BEC. SERVANT OF GOD

1. HOW COULD HE BE SERVANT OF GOD, IF HE WAS GOD? "TH. I DO... NOT OF MYSELF... FATHER... DOETH

2. HIS WHOLE BEING WAS TO ACCOMPLISH FATHER'S PURPOSE, NOT WH. HIS HUMAN NATURE WANTED

3. THAT INVOLVED UNPOPULARITY, REJECTION, DEATH ON A CROSS

4. ALSO INVOLVED RESUR. AND GLORY, NOT FROM SELFISH AIM, BUT PART OF GOD'S PURPOSE

5. WASHED FEET TO SET EXAMPLE

III NOT TO BE S., BUT SERVE - YET HE DEMANDS OUR SERVICE

1. FUNCTION OF KING TO SERVE HIS PEOPLE

2. BUT HE DOES THAT BY DEMANDING LOYALTY, O

I believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints.

Int. - Dana, "O hell, yes, I believe in church, i.e., like Kiwanis, or Scouts, stuff useful, to take or leave. *Protestants are big on it, not much in Church*

I We Protestants have not emphasized the Church

1. Revolt ag. RC colossus claiming dominion
2. Individ. resp., priesthood of bel.
3. Int. SS lessons, avoid en/ty. controversial
4. Many bel. in saliv., think church optional

If God and His Covenant People

1. God calls individ., makes cov. w/ them, e.g. Abraham, Israel, Moses, David
2. Not just w/ them, they chn and others, "I will be your God, you will be my people"

3. For God's covenant to have effect, necessary not optional, to have cov. people - the church

If God is HOLY, Therefore the Church is Holy

1. A special people, not to be like other nat. set apart, called out - the people of God
2. Continually under judgm. of God's law, bel. led and fed and encouraged - and punished

Amos 3:2, "You only...therefore I will punish"

3. Notwithstanding sin and failure, still the Covenant People of God

4. Being purified for him (Eph. 5:27) to be the body of X, the bride of X

IV Catholic - Universal Ignat. ad Smy

1. Word not in Bible - first in KXENUS
2. When God called indiv., not just for self, family, nation, but "all flesh, of earth blessed"

3. When X came, said, "Go...all nations", he made it universal - hard to bel. for Jew disc.

4. Peter, "Now I perceive that...in every nat. ...accepted of him" - and thus becomes part of God's covenant people

V A Communion of Saints - Holy People

1. The church is a communion (Koinonia) a fellowship, a body, of which we all are parts
2. Anyone who belongs to X is part of church

3. Of Saints - not bec. perfect (a church later conceived it) but bec. HOLY - and cov.

"I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH....."

"THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD" 1, No. 60

"HAND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD"

"FAIREST LORD JESUS," 1, No. 113

"WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY GHOST, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY....."

"HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING" 2, No. 64

"SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED AND BURIED"

"WHEN I SURVEY THE MONDROUS CROSS" 1, 97

"THE THIRD DAY HE AROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD"

"CHRIST, THE LORD, IS RISEN TODAY" 1, 102

"HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND SITTETH AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY.."

"ALL HAIL THE POWER," 1 114

"FROM THENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD"

"LO HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING" 1, No. 121

"I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST....."

"HOLY GHOST, WITH LIGHT DIVINE," 1 No. 127

"THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH....."

"O WHERE ARE KINGS AND EMPIRES NOW?" 1, 3, 4, No. 230

"THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS....."

"BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS" 1, No. 237

"THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS....." 1, 179

"THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING"

"THERE IS A LAND OF PURE DELIGHT" 1, 2 No. 286

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

"FOR AS THE BREAD IS ONE, SO WE, THE MANY, ARE ONE BODY; FOR OF THAT ONE BREAD WE ALL PARTAKE." --- 1 COR. 10:17 (GENYB. & HENSON) INT. - PAUL'S ANALOGY ABOUT PARTICIP. IN PAGAN WORSHIP - LV. PURPOSE, TAKE ANALOGY 1 THE BODY OF CHRIST

1. JUST AS HUMAN BODY IS NOT JUST COLLECTION OF ARMS, LEGS, EYES, ETC., BUT A BODY, MADE ALIVE BY A LIVING SPIRIT; SO THE CHURCH IS NOT MERELY GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS, BUT A BODY.
2. HOLY SPIRIT IN OT DAYS STMS DOMINATED AN INDIVIDUAL; BUT SINCE PENTECOST, SPIRIT OF X, GOD-MAN, NOT ONLY IN INDIV., BUT IN CHURCH, MAKES IT A BODY, ALIVE, THE BODY OF X

3. "BY ONE SPIRIT....BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY" - IF WE BELONG TO X AT ALL, WE ARE PART OF BODY 11 AS PARTS OF THE SAME BODY, WE BELONG TO ONE ANOTHER

1. "IF THE FOOT....HEAR....IS IT ANY LE'S A PART?"
2. THE EYE....HEAD....CANNOT SAY, "I HAVE NO NEED OF YOU"

3. ALL THOSE WHO BELONG TO X ARE IN THE SAME BODY - SOME MAY SAY, "BEC YOU ARE NOT IN OUR BRANCH, YOU ARE NOT PART"; OR, "BEC YOU WERE NOT BAPTIZED IN A CERTAIN MANNER," ETC; BUT ALL WHO ARE TRULY X'S, ARE PART OF BODY - CHINESE, CONGOLESE, AND ALL.

11 THE ONE BREAD IS SYMBOL AND EXPRESSION

1. "THIS IS MY BODY" - HE DIED FOR US ALL, WE ALL DIED IN HIM, ARE MADE ALIVE IN HIM
2. JUST AS A LOAF IS ONE (BUT NO MATTER IF SEVERAL LEAVES USED) SO BREAD (AND CUP) IS PLEDGE OF OUR UNITY IN HIM.

3. EVEN W/ THOSE WHO EXCLUDE US, AND THOSE AS QUAKERS, WHO DON'T PRACTICE IT AT ALL

4. IN THIS SACRAMENT WE REMEMBER HIS DEATH FOR US, AND ACCEPT

ACKN. OURSELVES HIS

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GOD, THE FATHER, CREATOR

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

-- Genesis 1:1

Int. - The Apos. Creed, statbt of faith

I I Believe in God

1. Made in 1st, 2nd cent., many people had ceased to believe in Roman, Greek gods
2. Without gods, no order in world, no point in morals, nothing to live for
3. Christianity proclaimed order in universe, affirmed faith in God, called men to believe

II God is Apprehended Only by Faith

1. No one has ever seen him
2. No proof of his existence, then or now

-- good arguments, but no proof

- a. argument fr. creation, from human concept of God, from evidence of purpose
3. But atheists still deny, agnostics doubt
4. Genesis affirms, Christianity reaffirms, faith born of logic and experience

III Maker of Heaven and Earth

1. "Heaven" - stars and galaxies, space that staggers imagination
2. "earth" this tiny dot in space still pretty big - land and sea, mountains, desert polar ice - **Natural laws with gravity**
3. How can such material, solid things be made "out of nothing"? Yet scientists now tell us that densest objects made of elect
4. Life - will scientists produce it? Maybe so, but it is here, infinite diversit
5. Evolution - Many godly - and ungodly - men thought it would destroy faith - but instead it moves us to greater faith

IV The Father

1. World made, not only in station

The resurrection of the Body and the Life Everlasting. I Cor 15:42

Int. - Job, and many others, asked, "If a man die, shall he live again?" Missing, hoping, but never very confident. This is the hope of the Xian, that makes evthg difnt

I The Seen, vs. the Unseen World

1. The seen world has meaning only in rel. to unseen. "If in this life only we have hope we shall go down with unrestrained tread..."
2. The covenant people - even before any doctrine of immortality, life depended on God and unseen world - "Keep my covenant and live - break it and die"
3. Xian Church - "Look not at th. . . seem..."

II Eternal Life

1. Not something else after death, a ghostly existence, but continuation of ourselves, united to God thro X.
2. In X, God broke thro into our "seen" world made himself known, made us his own.
3. Early Xians, thrilled with this, longed to see it repeated, expected imminent return
4. "We shall not all sleep...changed"
5. From the time we receive forgiving grace life, new, eternal, has begun for us - still mixed with mortality, subj. to sin, but new life already begun.

III HOW Are the Dead Raised up?...what Body?

1. They faced that problem, bodies destroyed
2. God, who made infinite variety in animate and inanimate world, can take care of this
3. As unlike as seed and plant
4. X the first fruits - his body recognizable yet greatly different

IV Misconceptions

1. If heaven is like they say, I don't want (But what if hell is alternative?)
2. "He was too good a Republican to be lost - a decent guy, God will surely do sthg for
3. If we die while sinning, we're lost

Con. - The only immortality is life joined

THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Int. - Is this all the creed has to say about the whole range of the Xian life?

I Jesus' Attitude - Proclamation of Forgiveness
1. Evangelists may begin by convincing ppl that they are sinful, then offering pardon Jesus, to paralytic, "your sins are forgiven Not, "will be if..." but ARE

2. Jesus gave himself to sinners (as well as FOR them - "Receives...eats with them")
3. Pharisees, zealous for outward piety, quick to judge, Jesus saw sin as not just breaking rules, but incurable sickness
4. Jesus, not "to this...live", but "God has done this that you may live" God has ALREADY forgiven our sin - ALL of it!

II What Happens in Forgiveness?

1. Not an indulgent parent, giving in to a sinner's cries, but to know about God, but to know him - **God gives himself**
2. Not a legal whitewashing, over and over but to know him - **God gives himself**
3. The sinner comes, by grace alone - not by any act of man, but by God's giving
4. By faith alone, by grace alone - not by any act of man, but by God's giving
5. Forgiveness IS grace. This IS the gospel

III How Can We Respond to this Free Grace?

1. Good! Now I'm in! I can do what I please
2. Shall we continue in sin that grace abounds?
3. Recognize our utter unworthiness - when we begin to think we are good, and somebody else not so good, we're away off. That is what Jesus said, "Judge not" - **why are we not forgiven?**
- IV We Are Still Sinners
1. Sin is the selfish self, still there, still selfish, but God has come to us in our sin
2. 1 John 3:6,8, He who bel. to God does not sin; but idem, 1:8-10 If we say...no sin...
3. Sinners of...

SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE

Int. - for background, read BRIDE OF FIL.
Kellner

I A Name for Infamy

1. Why mention by name in the creed?
 - a. Definite time - A.D. only after Cms
 - b. It put fact into world setting - not just a Jew killed by Jews, but part of world
2. Pilate, career diplomat, ambitious, con- scientious (as Rom, understood term) ideals of Roman law, justice
3. Not just politician caught in squeeze, not just judge made bad decision, focus of world rejection. Jo. 18:11 - P. bears cross
4. "Woe to that man... betrayed" mine will ever be a name of scorn".

II Crucified, Dead and Buried

1. Roman ruthlessness, efficiency - not only death, but public exposure and shame
2. No doubt at all that he was dead
3. Buried, because he was dead **HA. 2:9**
4. Suffered - not just killed - "tasted d. for every man" Lk. 24:26, "Woe. th X suffer

III The King of the Jews

1. Why the title, the ceremony - crown of thorns, purple robe? Cruelty we can understand but why this?
2. Her Abba, apparently vestigial Canaanite human sacrifice
3. Pagan sac., bull decked in garlands - what made it a sac. was offering it - Heb. Sac., priest laid hands on head of animal
4. It WAS a human sacrifice - "I lay it down of myself" Heb. 9:12ff Jesus offered his OWN blood...himself"
5. X our passover is sacrificed for us.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH MARK. 1:18

A Matter of Faith based on evidence, not proof - in nature of case, proof impossible
I Many People Deny This Doctrine -- Why?

1. Inherent improbability
2. No mention by Mark, Paul, John, Peter
3. The sort of story likely to be made up to augment miraculous - as in some pagan re-
4. Apparent prediction in Isa. 7:14, seized eagerly by Matthew, not applicable (And it's NOT - if he had meant that, he would unquestionably have used **παρθεν**)

II All These Are Consistent with Belief in Virgin Birth

1. It is quite credible that Mark, Paul, etc., knowing this story, failed to mention
2. More probable is that Luke's account was first publication of it

Luke was in Palest. 58-60 A.D., could have rec'd story fr. Mary, then c. 80 yrs. It's not the sort of story she would have told, to be laughed at

3. Matthew and Luke give straightforward accounts, tied in with known history
4. No more miraculous than resurrection - Nothing impossible with God.

III Observations

1. He is not Son of God just because of miraculous birth
2. It seems consistent that thus he could be free from taint of original sin,
3. We all are conceived and born in sin, not because sexual union is sinful, but bec. all mankind, inc. our parents' sinful
4. Doctrine of "Immaculate conception", rejection of Mary, rankest idolatry

APOSTLES' CREED -- II Jesus X, Son, Lord "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ..." -- Eph. 1:3

Int. - Half of all statements of Creed have to do with X, his nature and work
I The Mystery of the Trinity

1. Not fully formulated in Apos. Cr., but all elements present
2. Not two Gods, or three, but ONE. No ex- pressions of language describe adequately
3. How CAN he be both Father and Son?
4. Nicene "Before all worlds" In beg. was the Word... S. Cat. Who, being eternal Son

II The Son -- cf. Nicene Creed

1. Begotten, not made - long before Mary
2. Beget is transmit part of self
3. "Only" Son - we also are sons - when and if we are joined to him - otherwise only creatures

III Jesus -- a Man

1. A real man, real name, human parentage brothers and sisters, body, mind, feelings
2. Could and did experience temptation, hope, disappointment, sorrow, pain
3. Did Jesus know he was God's Son? If so when? As man, how much was he limited in knowledge and power?

IV Christ -- the Anointed

1. Purpose of God that a MAN, son of Abr. son of David, be given divine authority
2. Vaguely guessed, predicted by prophets
3. When and how was he "Anointed?" v. 9
4. Not auth. of mere king, Spir. auth. S. Cr.

V He is OUR LORD

1. Our King, whom we must obey
2. We can't accept as Savior, reject as
3. Silly to think we can be saved, do as

ASCENDING INTO HEAVEN... RIGHT HAND OF

...COME TO JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD

Int. - People used to think he went "up" (not far at that) and would soon come "down" I The Ascension Did Not Mean That Jesus Had Gone Away, Lost Contact with Church

1. There was a period when he was here in flesh, people could see and hear him (but that did not convince people that he was X)
2. Then began a phase when his incarnation is known by testimony of those who saw
3. But still present - "I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you", "Lo, I am with you always"
4. Coming of Spirit - when H. S. is with us, X is with us - the Father too
5. Eph. 4:10 "Ascended far above... fill all things" - and be head of his body, the church power operating in apostles, prophets, etc.

II Sitteth at Right Hand of God

1. That is, shares equally in power, glory and authority of the Father (All Auth. is given to me...) It does not mean he is sitting down in idleness, waiting for the end.
2. He makes intercession for us - but Rom 8:26, Spirit makes intercession.
3. He is active in church - what the Father does thro the Spirit, the Son does also
4. Rev. "Blessing and glory and honor... thro III (from) Thence He Shall Come to Judge...

III (from) Thence He Shall Come to Judge...

1. Judgment as prophets saw it - part of God's providence for his people
2. X's kgdm in world in conflict w sin and death - how long? Apoc. at first that soon
3. X's coming, not to repeat incarn., but bring final conclusion of all things
4. Judgm. not to determine who goes where, but final summing up - Xians already faced

Ascension

The third day he rose again from the dead

Int. - "Again" redundant - NT was raised

I Apostles and others fully convinced

1. Not just another ghost story - they had seen him, talked to him, handled, even the wounds, eaten and drunk with him - First person accounts - John, Peter, Paul
2. Shown, not to all the people, but to chosen witnesses - in sufficient number
3. Not just wishful thinking - their whole dream of Messianic kingdom shattered
4. So sure that they were ready, not to resuscitate dream of kgdm, but enter on new idea, totally different, and die for it
5. Some say, "His ideal lives on" - that is contrary to ANY objective belief in God as acting in human history

II The Whole Bible Accords with Resurrection

1. Not just vague predictions in Ps.
2. Point of view of whole Bible is, Two realities: God, and the world with men in it of these, God is the greater - God deals with men, rules the world. Men, preoccupied w/ world, may lose sight of God; but Bible presents God as principal thing
3. Quote Smart, p. 156, over

III Res. of X the Central Fact of NT

1. Existence of church 16 evidence of it - fellowship based on fact that God did this
2. First day of week, Lord's supper, meaningless apart fr. this.
3. NT declares new sort of life, transform by fact of Resur., in wh. Xian dies to self and has new life in X - however imperfectly lived, still that's wh. being Xian means triumph over death

HE DESCENDED INTO HELL

Int. - "No hell" (in saying creed)

I Common idea of Hell

1. Conventional idea - fire, brimstone, melted lead - book with pictures
2. What does the Bible say?

a. Sheol, "the grave", "the pit", but more than just the grave - the pit, grave, object of respect and reverence.

b. Hades, Greek idea of place of departed always undesirable, gradually associated w/ idea of suffering, fire

c. Gehenna, place of disgrace, loathing, fire, filth, horror

d. "Lake of fire", into which death and Hades are to be cast. e. ~~anathema~~ destruction

3. Church developed doctrine of hell, limbo and purgatory

4. Moslem doctrine of Hell derived fr. this

II What Can We Certainly Believe about Hell

1. We cannot affirm, nor deny, physical punishment
2. Sin is punished, not bec. God is vindictive, but bec. under spir. laws, certain results are inevitable.
3. We can believe that rejection of God results in rejection by him, complete separation from him; that man loses ALL hope, ALL desire, ALL contact with God. Man come to this hell bec. he chooses it. It is in him, as much as he is in it. "Which way I

III He Descended into Hell

1. Is it just to answer question "Where was Jesus, Eri-Sun?"
2. Peter, "Preached to spir. in prison" Gospel for three worlds
3. He was separated from God's love when he bore man's sin. Read Creed in Xian Tch p. 131

JESUS AS A PRIEST

"FOR IF THE SPRINKLING OF DEFILED PERSONS WITH THE BLOOD OF GOATS..... HOW MUCH MORE SHALL THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.....PURIFY YOUR CONSCIENCE...."

--HEB. 9:13-14

INT. -- PROPHET, PRIEST, AND KING -- H26.

I A SPECIAL KIND OF PRIEST

1. FUNCTION OF PRIEST -- TO APPROACH GOD ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF AND OTHERS
2. PRIESTS BEFORE AARON -- MELCHIZEDEK ET AL
3. EVEN AFTER A. -- SAMUEL, EPHRAIMITE,
4. KINGDOM OF PRIESTS -- UNIVERSAL PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS -- NOT "EVERY MAN HIS OWN PRIEST," BUT EVERY MAN SHARING IN X'S PRIESTHOOD
5. EMPHASIS ON HIS HUMANITY -- ONE OF US

II PRIEST AND SACRIFICE

1. "ONCE FOR ALL OFFERING HIMSELF...."
2. PURPOSE OF SACRIFICE -- NOT TO APPEASE GOD BUT RECOGNITION OF HUMAN SIN, GOD'S AUTHORITY
3. SAME SACRIFICES, YEAR AFTER YEAR, NEVER ACCOMPLISH PURPOSE, BUT ALWAYS ACKNOWLEDGE THE PURPOSE, NAMELY, GOD'S CLEANSING
4. THE ATONEMENT -- DIFFERENT THEORIES -- RANSOM, MORAL INFLUENCE, SUBSTITUTION..... NO ONE, NOR ALL TOGETHER, ADEQUATE TO EXPRESS IT, BUT.... HE DIED FOR US

HE BECAME SIN FOR US

- HE BORE DISGRACE, BECAME CURSED
- SIN OFFERING, OUTSIDE THE GATE -- FOR US
- HE WAS PRIEST AND SACRIFICE, ENTERED, NOT INTO HOLY.... BUT VERY PRESENCE OF GOD, OFFERING HIS OWN BLOOD FOR US.

III MAKING CONTINUAL INTERCESSION FOR US

1. JOHN 16:26, "I DO NOT SAY....PRAY THE FATHER THE FATHER HIMSELF LOVES YOU...."
2. AND HOW CAN WE DRAW LINE BET. SON AND F.?
3. BUT HE DID, DOES, INTERCEDES FOR US.
- "SIMON, SIMON.....I HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU"
- JOHN 17, PRAYING FOR ALL, FOR UNITY
4. DOES YOUR PASTOR PRAY FOR YOU? DO (DID) YOU

YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE

III BESEECH YOU.....PRESENT YOUR BODIES.....
YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE....." -- ROM. 12:1
INT. -- FOLLOW UP OF SERMON LAST SUNDAY
I PRESENT YOUR BODIES

1. JUST OUR BODIES? -- WHAT HE REALLY MEANT WAS, "NOT JUST YOUR SOULS". THAT QUESTION DEALT WITH MORE FULLY IN I COR, WRITTEN JUST BEFORE HE WENT TO CORINTH, ROM. WHILE AT COR.
2. NOT ANIMALS OFFERED IN SACRIFICE, BUT OURSELVES

3. HOLY, ACCEPTABLE TO GOD -- OUR SINS FORGIVEN BY HIS GRACE, NOW (GIFT AND TASK) CALLED TO PRESENT OURSELVES FOR HIS SERVICE

II REASONABLE SERVICE -- RSV SPIR. WORSHIP

1. WHICH WAS IT? IT WAS BOTH
2. NOT "REASONABLE", IN SENSE OF EASY DEMAND. (I.E., YOU DO SO MUCH, THAT'S ALL THAT CAN REASONABLY BE EXPECTED. GOD ALWAYS DEMANDS THAT WE GO ALL OUT FOR HIM.)

3. ~~LOYALTY~~ ~~TRUST~~ ~~FAITH~~ -- NOT ~~TRUST~~ ~~FAITH~~ ~~TRUST~~
4. (THAT TOO, BUT NOT WHAT PAUL WAS SAYING)
5. WHAT APPEALS TO THE REASON, THE SPIRIT -- WHAT WE ACCEPT BEC. OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING AND CONSCIENCE TELL US IT IS RIGHT
6. ~~TRUST~~ ~~TRUST~~ -- NOT WORSHIP IN SENSE OF CONTEMPLATION, BUT IN SENSE OF ACTION -- S. OF TRUSTING THINGS AS AN ACT OF REVERENT OBEDIENCE TO GOD -- THAT IS WORSHIP. CONTRAST WITH:

- ~~TRUST~~ ~~TRUST~~ -- SERVE AS A SLAVE
- ~~TRUST~~ ~~TRUST~~ -- SERVE AS SOMETHING DONE FOR SOMEONE BEC IT NEEDS TO BE DONE
7. ACTS 27:23, "WHOSE I AM...." (X) -- RSV WORSHIP

- ALL WHAT IS THIS WORSHIP OR SERVICE?
1. RECOGNITION OF THE "BODY" -- MEMS, GIFTS
2. MODESTY AND SOBRIETY IN SELF ASSERTION
3. HARMONY WITH BRETHREN, SYMP., SERV TO ALL
4. CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS' OPINIONS
5. ~~TRUST~~ ~~TRUST~~

6. ALL THESE EXPRESSIONS OF LIVING SELF, OFFERED TO GOD, WHO HAS GIVEN US GIFT (AND TASK) OF GRACE

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST

Read I Cor. 12

Int. -- "Ghost" -- Such a brief statement -- I. S. does ALL the work of God that is done thro intermediary of human minds, wills.

I Holy Spirit in Individuals

1. In conversion -- How? "The wind (moving) bloweth where it listeth"
2. Illumination, growth in grace, power to resist evil, strive for good
3. Comfort, awareness of God, resolution for faithfulness -- Gal. "Fruits of Spirit"
4. Special gifts and callings, as below

II Holy Spirit in the Church

1. "Where two or three are gathered...." Church is a body, many different members -- Apart from Spirit is at best a dead body -- Spirit makes alive, unifies, binds parts together
2. Reaction of one Spirit filled person to another -- in corporate worship, in discussion and decision of issues by vote of majority
3. Calling people into church -- Session admits to mbrshp those who show hearts renewed by Spirit -- Session admits, S. unites
4. Calling to office in church -- Session, presbytery, sets apart to office those whose inward conscience, seconded by call of ppl, says they are called to office. Ordination gives authorization of church to do what S. gives power to do.

III Special Gifts and Callings -- w/ Paul. To Church

1. Diversities of Gifts, one Spirit
2. When two are diametrically opposed, who has Spirit? Maybe both, maybe neither
3. Spirit unifies, liberates -- works in the body, for the body, not for individual adv. selfishness is contrary to Spirit, which

"I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound..."

-- Phil. 4:12

Int. - A Barmecide Feast - *Paul's feast for the jailers*

1. Anybody can be abased - robbed, beaten, jailed unjustly - *for better or worse*
2. But not ~~many~~ can take it without self-pity, without giving up
3. We may give up something, bec we can't get it, or bec we want sthg else more
4. But can we be joyful in its loss? Fr. of Assisi said it is as much a Xian's duty to be joyful as to pray.
5. Francis knew how to be abased - gave up wealth, comfort, bec. as he understood X, he had to do so

II I know How to Abound

1. Fr. did not learn this, Paul did. To Fr. money was evil, he worked for food, or begd
 2. Paul worked long hours, earned what he could for half and companions; and when he was sick, or in prison, unable to earn, he could do without, still cheerful
 3. But the Philipians had sent him some money, and he accepted gladly. He could live on beans, and mighty few beans; but when he could have steak, enjoyed it, that no sin
- III Can We Endure Adversity, Prosperity?
1. Stock market crash, jumping out window
 2. Money comes in door, love flies out window
 3. Can we endure comforts, luxury, not be enslaved by them?

IV All Things thru X

1. 3:8, "For His sake I suf. loss of all t)
2. If we have X, sthg else, rich and happy

A REVERENT SPIRIT

"AND SINCE YOU CALL ON HIM AS 'FATHER', WHO JUDGES EVERY ONE IMPARTIALLY BY WHAT HE HAS DONE, LET REVERENCE BE THE SPIRIT OF YOUR LIVES DURING YOUR STAY ON THE EARTH."

-- PETER 1:17, 20TH CENT NT
INT. - "FATHER", A TERM STMS USED IN OT, BUT IT WAS JESUS WHO REALLY TAUGHT US TO USE

I OUR FATHER IS ALSO OUR JUDGE

1. HE JUDGES ALL IMPARTIALLY...WHAT "DONE"
 2. HE LOVES ALL IMPARTIALLY, TOO
 3. HE IS MOTHER AS WELL AS FATHER
 4. HE IS JUDGE, JURY, PROSECUTOR, DEFENSE
 5. ~~Gods~~ FEAR - BUT MORE THAN FEAR
 6. REVERENCE IS FEAR MINGLED WITH LOVE
- II LET REVERENCE BE THE SPIRIT OF YOUR LIVES
1. DURING YOUR STAY ON EARTH
 2. JAMES, "WHAT IS YOUR LIFE? VAPOR..." - WE ARE CONTINUALLY REMINDED TO BREVITY OF L.

3. SPIRIT OF YOUR LIFE - *an act of love*

III WHAT IS REVERENCE, AND HOW EXPRESSED?

1. IN WORSHIP - ENTER HOUSE OF GOD, CONSCIOUS THAT WE ARE IN HIS PRESENCE - ATTITUDE OF SITTING, STANDING, (KNEELING?) READING, SINGING, LISTENING, ALL PARTICIPATION

2. REVERENCE IN SPEECH AND ACTION - YEA, YEA, MAY, MAY - "CUSSED AND DIDN'T MEAN IT..."

3. ATTITUDE TOWARD PEOPLE - "LOVE GOD... NEIGHBORS" (OR AT LEAST RESPECT, AS GOD'S CHILD)

4. "HONOR ALL MEN...FEAR GOD, HONOR THE KING"

5. SELF CONTROL - TEMPER, APPETITE, DESIRE, AMBITION, SUBJECT TO RELATIONSHIP TO FATHER

CON - ALL OF LIFE LIVED IN CONSCIOUSNESS THAT LIFE IS BRIEF, THAT GOD IS OUR JUDGE, WHOM WE FEAR TO DISOBEY, OUR FATHER, WHOM WE LOVE AND WANT TO PLEASE

4:11 - "He who speaks...one who is of God."

"FOR THEIR SAKE I CONSECRATE MYSELF, THAT THEY ALSO MAY BE CONSECRATED IN TRUTH".

-- JOHN 17:19

INT. - KJV - "SANCTIFY" -- SAME WORD, TWO IDEAS, INSUPERABLE

I CONSECRATION AND SANCTIFICATION

1. *Ayate* TO SEPARATE FROM COMMON USE, AND DEDICATE TO GOD, A THING OR A PERSON
2. THE PERSON OR OBJECT THUS SET APART TAKES ON STHG OF NATURE OF GOD, E.G. CHURCH, BAPTIZED CHILD, PROFFESSED XIAN
3. H. S., WORKING THRO INDIVIDUAL'S PERSONALITY AND EFFORT, TRANSFORMS TO IMAGE OF JESUS, OUR EXAMPLE OF CONSECRATION

II "FOR THEIR SAKE I CONSECRATE MYSELF..."

2. "I MUST BE ABOUT MY FATHER'S BUSINESS"

3. "I MUST WORK...WHILE IT IS DAY..."

4. "I MUST GO TO OTHER VILLAGES...SEVENTH"

5. "AS THOU HAST SENT ME...THEM"

III WHAT CONSECRATION MEANS TO US

1. WE ARE SET APART FOR GOD - NOT ONLY PROPHS, BUT ALL WHO HAVE PROFFESSED FAITH - NOT OUGHT TO BE, BUT A RE!!! IF NOT LIVE

THUS, NOT FULFILLING OUR FUNCTION

2. THIS CHANGES THE MEANING OF EVERY ACT - SPRDG FERTZ ON LAWN - QUOTE LIVINGSTON

3. "TAKE MY MOMENTS...CEASELESS PRAISE" NOT SPEND ALL TIME SINGING, BUT EVERY ACT BECOMES PRAISE. JACOB, RACHEL, 7 YRS, DAYS

4. JESUS WENT TO THE CROSS -- WHEREVER OUR ROAD MAY LEAD, WE MUST FOLLOW, BEC. WE ARE CONSECRATED TO HIM.

5. AND WHEREVER ELSE IT MAY LEAD, IT CERTAINLY LEADS TO SANCTIFICATION, HOLY LIFE

"THAT PERSON (ONE WHO PRAYS WITHOUT FAITH) MUST NOT SUPPOSE THAT A DOUBLE MINDED MAN, UNSTABLE IN ALL HIS WAYS, WILL RECEIVE ANYTHING FROM THE LORD." -- JAMES 1:8

INT. - YOUTH CONVENTION DID NOT OPEN WITH PRAYER - WHEN SOMEONE ASKED, PR. NOT IN NAME OF X - SOME SHOCKED - TOO FAR. OTHERS THOT NOT FAR ENOUGH

1. A PROTEST AGAINST EMPTY FORM

1. NOT BEC LORS DIDN'T BEL IN PR., BUT THEY HOPE FOR SOME RESP FR YP FED UP W/ EMP FORM
2. THERE IS A LOT OF EMPTY FORM - PR. TO OPEN EVERY SORT OF MTG, EVEN FOOTBALL GAMES - PPL WHO DON'T CARE A FLIP ABT PRAYER PROTEST SUP COURT DECISION ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
3. THERE IS A TIME TO PROTEST - JACK DOUGLAS SERMON - YP IN EVERY GENERATION REVOLTING AG.

HYPOCRITICAL FORMALITY PASSING FOR X'N FAITH
4. SOME PROTESTORS GUILTY OF GROSS IRREVERENCE
11 PRAYER WITHOUT ACTION IS FUTILE

1. THEY SAID, "TO SEE NEED OF NEIGHBOR IS PR (IT ISN'T, BUT TO SHUT OUR EYES TO THE NEED, AND GO THRO MOTIONS OF WORSHIP IS NOT PRAYER)"
2. THIS IS NOT NEW - ISA. 1:12-17

3. TO PRAY, ASKING GOD TO DO THE THINGS WE OUGHT TO DO IS VAIN, EVEN SACRILEGE
4. AND TO SAY "IN JESUS' NAME" ON OUR SELFISH PRAYER IS TO COMPOUND SACRILEGE - "WHY CALL M 'LORD, LORD", AND DO NOT THE THINGS I SAY?"
111 PRAYER WITHOUT FAITH IS VAIN

1. ~~116715~~ - NOT BELIEF IN A DOCTRINE, BUT TRUST IN GOD AND COMMITMENT TO HIM AND HIS PURPOSE - APART FROM THIS, PRAYER IS FUTILE
2. GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD..... INASMUCH ONE OF THE LEAST..... IF, IN COMFORTABLE PIETY, WE LOSE SIGHT OF GOD'S PURPOSE, IS THAT PR?
3. AMOS 6:6, PEOPLE, LIVING IN LUXURY, INDIF. TO SUFFERING OF OTHERS

4. JAMES - PURE REL.... FATHERLESS..... JAMES BELIEVED IN PRAYER, BUT SAID, THAT PERSON MUST NOT SUPPOSE..... ANYTHING FROM THE LORD

THE THRUST OF THE CHURCH
WHIM (X) WE PROCLAIM, WARNING EVERY MAN AND TEACHING EVERY MAN IN ALL WISDOM, THAT WE MAY PRESENT EVERY MAN MATURE IN CHRIST."

--COL. 1:28

INT. - CONVERSATION W/ ELDER ABOUT WITHDRAWING CHURCHES, PASTORAL LETTER FROM GA
1. WARNING AND TEACHING

1. PROCLAIMING X IS NOT JUST SAYING, "X IS IN MY HEART, ISN'T THAT WONDERFUL!"
2. THE GOSPEL HAS MANY PROMISES, DEMANDS
3. LIFE IS NOT SIMPLE - SS "ONLY INF. RULE OF FAITH AND LIFE", BUT NOT EASY TO PINPOINT IN SS GUIDANCE FOR EACH PARTICULAR PROBLEM
11 WHY ARE THE CHURCHES WITHDRAWING?

1. THE PERSONAL FACTOR - BILL DINWIDDIE
2. THOSE WITHDRAWING ASSERT THAT PRES. US HAS FORSAKEN HISTORIC FAITH AND PRACTICE IN ~~THREE~~ FOUR AREAS:

A. SCRIPTURE INFALLIBILITY - MAINSTREAM OF CHURCH ACKN. BIBLE AS "WORD OF GOD, INF. RULE...." NOTW/G ERRORS OF SCIENCE AND HISTORY AND LIMITED VISION OF SOME WRITERS OF SS

B. ORDINATION OF WOMEN - LETTER OF SS SEEMS TO FORBID (TBO SOME EXCEPTIONS) BUT SPIRIT OF SS SEEMS TO DEMAND IT

C. ACTIVISM - CHURCH STAY OUT OF POLITICS PREACH SALVATION, MAKE NO PRONOUNCEMENTS (ESP. ABOUT RACISM, ECONOMICS, JUSTICE) THEY FORGET HOW X CENSURED PHARISEES SEC., BUSY WITH RELIGION, THEY LOST SIGHT OF WHAT BIBLE IS REALLY ABOUT - JUSTICE, MERCY, LOVE OF GOD
GRAHAM "NOT AN OT PROPHET....."

D. ECUMENISM - "COME OUT.... BE SEPARATE...." WE HAVE PURE DOCTRINE, DON'T BE CONTAMINATED
111 EVANGELISM - PROCLAIMING X

1. "BELIEVE... BE SAVED" - THAT'S ONLY PART
2. JOHN BAP. "WITH MANY... EXHORT... GD NEWS"
3. GD NEWS IS THAT GOD CARES - ABOUT OUR LIFE, OUR FREEDOM, OUR JOBS, OUR HEALTH, ETC. AS WELL AS OUR CONF OF FAITH
4. PRESENT EVERY MAN MATURE IN X

"THE WICKED DIE FOR LACK OF DISCIPLINE."

-PROV. 5:23

"A MAN WITHOUT SELF CONTROL IS LIKE A CITY BROKEN INTO AND LEFT WITHOUT WALLS." P. 25:28
INT. - PROVERBS, BOOK OF THE MONTH

1. LENT - MESSAGE OF LENT IS SELF CONTROL

1. FASTING BEFORE EASTER TO REMIND US OF SUP. OF X - X THE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF S. CONT - CAME NOT TO PLEASE HSELF, BUT TO DO WILL OF GOD
2. WHAT IS PURPOSE OF OUR LIFE? TO MAKE LIVING, TO GET RICH, BE SUCCESSFUL, HAVE FUN?

3. PURPOSE OF L. IS DO WHAT GOD PUT US HERE FOR THAT SELF CONTROL IS VITAL
4. MESSAGE OF PROV., IN FACT OF WHOLE BIBLE:
11 PET. 1:6, ADD TO YOUR FAITH... SELF CONT.

1 COR. 9:24, 5 RACE.... RUN TO WIN.... ATHLETE EXERCISES SELF CONTROL.....
GAL. 5:22, 3 FRUIT OF S..... SELF CONTROL

TITUS 1:6 ELDER SHOULD BE... MASTER OF HSELF
11 THIS IS NOT A POPULAR TOPIC

1. PHILOSOPHY OF MANY IS:

EAT AS MUCH AS YOU PLEASE, IF YOU PUT ON

WEIGHT IT'S JUST YOUR GLANDS

IF DRUGS, ALCOHOL, TURN YOU ON, USE THEM

IF YOU WANT ANYTHING, AND CAN GET IT BY -

USING UP YOUR RESOURCES

CRAFT OR CHEATING

THEFT OR VIOLENCE -- TAKE IT!

2. IF SEX, NORMAL OR ABNORMAL, IS DESIRABLE, JUST A MATTER OF MORES

3. "CITY WITHOUT WALLS" - ONE BREAKS IN, THEN WHOEVER WANTS TO COMES IN AT WILL. WHEN WE GIVE WAY TO OUR DESIRES, NO STOPPING PLACE
111 NO LIFE WORTH WHILE WITHOUT SELF CONTROL

1. ATHLETES HAVE TO CONTROL APPETITES, ALL OF US NEED TO.

2. NOT ONLY DOING WITHOUT THINGS, BUT DOING

NECESSARY THINGS - SKILLS LEARNED BY PRACTICE, LEBONADE - CUTS TO DO YOUR WORK

THE WORD OF REFUGE

"FATHER, INTO THY HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT".

INT. - AFTER "IT WAS FINISHED", HE TURNED TO THE FATHER FOR REFUGE

(JESUS, GOD AND MAN)

1. MYSTERY NEVER QUITE COMPREHENSIBLE TO US -

2. HE DID AND SAID THINGS THAT ONLY GOD COULD DO AND SAY

3. YET WAS LIMITED, AS ALL MEN ARE LIM.

4. AND, AS ALL MEN, HE NEEDED TO PRAY

5. AND, AS ALL MEN, NEEDED REFUGE IN G.

11 JESUS ACCEPTED DEATH VOLUNTARILY

1. HIS WORDS A QUOTATION PS. 31:5

2. BUT WHEREAS FUTURE IN PSALM, HERE PRE

3. "I LAY IT DOWN OF MYSELF"

EARLY XIAN HYMN (LATIN)

"DEATH, THOU DIDST NOT COME TO CHRIST, BUT CHRIST CAME TO THEE;

TO WHOM IT WAS PERMITTED WITHOUT DEATH TO DIE."

111 I COMMEND MY SPIRIT

1. ~~THEO~~ TO DEPOSIT FOR SAFE KEEPING

2. SO PAUL, 11 TIM. 1:12... KEEP THAT

..... COMMITTED TO HIM AS. THAT DAY"

3. SO PETER, 1 PET. "LET THOSE WHO SUFFER ACC. TO WILL OF GOD COMMIT THE KEEPING OF THEIR SOULS UNTO HIM, AS TO A FAITHFUL CREATOR"

4. LAST WORDS OF POLYCARP, BERNARD, HUSS LUTHER, MELANCTHON, AND MANY OTHERS

5. WE ALL MUST FACE DEATH, BUT WE CAN TRUST OUR LIVES TO GOD, CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL BE SAFE

"FOR SINCE WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS DIED AND ROSE AGAIN, EVEN SO, THROUGH JESUS, GOD WILL BRING WITH HIM THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP."

INT. - EASTER - ~~THE~~ IN DRAMA OF REDEMPTION

11 THESSALONIANS, BOOK OF THE MONTH

1. FIRST OF PAUL'S LETTERS - FIRST FRUITS OF A MIGHTY HARVEST - PAUL'S MINISTRY

THRO PREACHING GREAT - THRO LETTERS, CRT THREE MAJOR CONCERNS OF LETTER:

A. WHAT SORT OF PEOPLE XIANS SHOULD BE

B. HOPE FOR FUTURE - RETURN OF X

C. WHAT ABOUT THOSE WHO DIE FIRST?

3. HOPE INSTEAD OF SORROW

11 THE RESURRECTION OF X WAS CENTRAL FACT OF APOSTOLIC PREACHING ~~Rev. 9. 14 raised~~

1. ACTS 17, "... APPOINTED A DAY TO JUDGE... TESTIMONY... RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD"

2. ACTS 2:22FF "JESUS OF 1.... ATTESTED BY MIGHTY SIGNS AND WONDERS.... CRUCIFIED, KILLED

.... GOD RAISED HIM UP."

3. ACTS 10:40FF "GOD RAISED HIM UP AND

..... TO CHOSEN WITNESSES...."

4. 1 COR. 15 - "HE APPEARED TO.... OVER 500.... APART FROM THIS, SALVATION HAS NO MEANING

111 THE XIAN HOPE

1. JOHN 5:39 "YOU SEARCH THESE SEC.... YOU THINK.... ETERNAL LIFE" (SAID TO PHARISEES)

2. PEOPLE HAD ALWAYS WISHED, HOPED FOR LIFE AFTER DEATH. PAUL SAYS, "NOW IS X

.... FIRST FRUITS OF THEM THAT SLEPT."

3. 11 COR. 5 "LONGING TO PUT ON OUR HEAVENLY CLOTHING.... NOT UNCLOTHED, BUT FURTHER CLOTHED." "CORRUPTIBLE PUT ON INCORRUPTION

"TELL MY BRETHREN TO GO TO GALILEE, AND THERE THEY WILL SEE ME." --- MATT. 28:10

INT. - EVERY SUNDAY IS EASTER, BUT EASTER IS SPECIAL.

1 JESUS SENT THEM ON IN FAITH

1. CONFUSED ACCOUNTS OF RESURRECTION - FR. ACTS OF LK AND JOHN IT SEEMS THEY DID SEE HIM BEFORE THEY WENT, FR. JOHN THEY STAYED A WEEK BEFORE GOING.

2/ FR. JOHN 21, THEY GREW IMPATIENT, WAITING FOR HIM IN GALILEE

3. BUT HE DID SEND THEM, AND HE DID MEET THEM THERE.

4. AND IT TOOK FAITH TO GO.

11 WHY GALILEE?

1. JERUSALEM WAS DANGEROUS - THOSE WHO 19 CRUCIFIED X WOULD STOP AT NOTHING JOHN 20:

2. IN GALILEE THEY WOULD BE AMONG FRIENDS, IN FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS

3. MAJOR APPEARANCE PRB. THERE "ABOVE 500" AND PRB. ASCENSION, THE LUKE PLACES IT ON MT. OF OLIVES

4. ALL ACC TO PLAN, ALL REQUIRING FAITH 111 EASTER IS A SEASON OF FAITH

1. APPEARANCES OF JESUS - EVANESCENT AND UNPREDICTABLE, NEVER LONG AT A TIME.

2. ACTS 10:41 "NOT TO ALL THE PEOPLE, BUT TO CHOSEN WITNESSES"

3. "BEST ATTESTED FACT IN HISTORY" BUT WHEN SKEPTICS SAY, "PROVE IT", WE CAN'T.

4. LK. 16:31, "NEITHER... BEL., THE ONE ROSE WE RECEIVE IT ONLY BY FAITH. JOHN 20:29, BLS WHO HAVE NOT SEEN.... BELIEVED

5. HE SENDS US ON, TO "WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT."

MERRY CHRISTMAS

"THOU SHALT REJOICE IN THY FEARS"

-- DEUT. 10:14

INT. - WE REFER TO OT GATHERINGS AS "FEASTS" (PASSOVER, ETC.) BUT ONLY PROPERLY APPLIED TO TABERNACLES, A THANKSGIVING F. MERRY CHRISTMAS

1. THE MOST FAMILIAR GREETING
2. ORIGIN - YULE COMBINED WITH BIRTH OF X
3. SOME PLACES COME IN MIDSUMMER
4. "CAN THE CHILDREN OF THE BRIDECHAMBER FAST, WHEN THE BRIDEGROOM IS WITH THEM? IF A FAMILY FEAST"

1. HOME FOR XMAS -- NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE, BUT ALWAYS PRESENT IN OUR MINDS
2. CUSTOMS VARY - EACH HOME DISTINCTIVE
3. THE TREE, STOCKINGS, GIFTS
4. NOT ABUNDANCE, BUT SOMETHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY -- XMAS, 1907
5. YOU WHO HAVE HOMES, BUILD ALL YOU CAN INTO IT -- IT'S PRECIOUS, AND TIME FLIES

III REJOICING, NOT REVELING

1. FOOD AND DRINK - LOVE, ABOVE ALL
2. INTemperance AND SELF INDULGENCE CAN RUIN IT. 1927 AT BLACKMONTON
3. SINGING - IT IS HARDLY XMAS WITHOUT IT
4. WORSHIP - X IS BORN, NOT NEWS, BUT EVER NEW. SOMETHING TO REJOICE ABOUT

"GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN"

SEARCHING FOR THE CHRIST
HGO, AND SEARCH DILIGENTLY FOR THE CHILD."

--MATT. 2:8

INT. - ADVENT - SEASON FOR RENEWING IN OUR HEARTS FACT THAT GOD WAS IN X, RECONCILING THE WORLD TO HIMSELF.

1. IT WAS HEROD, CLINGING DESPERATELY TO LIFE AND POSITION, JEALOUS OF ANY CLAIM ON HIS KINGDOM OR PREROGATIVE
2. BELIEVING IN PROPHECY, ULTIMATELY IN G. STILL THOUGHT TO FORESTALL, - WHAT IS TO BE MAY NOT BE..... LUKE 7:30, PHAR. REJECTED PURPOSE OF GOD FOR THSLVS - MYTH AND FAIRY STORY FULL OF PROPHECIES PEOPLE TRIED TO EVADE - MOTHER OF ROMULUS, DISTAFF
3. KINGS, GOVERNMENTS, EVEN THE CHURCH HAS SOUGHT TO DESTROY

II OTHERS, LATER, SOUGHT IN EFFORT TO EXPLORE PEOPLE, AFTER THAT, SOUGHT TO TAKE HIM BY FORCE AND MAKE HIM KING, I.E., LEADER OF THEIR PROPOSED REVOLUTION - John 6:15

2. PEOPLE IN CONSTANTINE'S TIME - AND SOME SINCE - JOINED CHURCH TO GET PRESTIGE
 3. COMMERCIAL INTERESTS EXPLOITING XMAS
- III EVEN THE WISE MEN HAD TO SEARCH FOR HIM
1. STAR AND ALL, THEY HAD TO ASK, GO ON, ASK AGAIN AND SEEK.
 2. EVEN HIS EARTHLY PARENTS SEEM TO HAVE LOST SIGHT OF HIS REAL SIGNIFICANCE

3. PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH, HEARING OF HIM ALL THEIR LIVES, PROFESSING FAITH, STILL MISS
4. EVEN AT ADVENT SEASON, SING ABOUT IT AND ALL, STILL FAIL TO GET WHAT IT IS ABOUT.

JER. 29:13 YOU WILL SEEK....AND FIND ME.

WHEN YOU SEEK...

THE WORD OF REMEMBRANCE

WOMAN, BEHOLD THY SON..... THY MOTHER.
JOHN 19:26-7

INT. - HOW IT HAPPENED. JOHN WAS WITH JESUS THRO TRIAL, WHEN HE WAS CONDEMNED WENT AND BROT MARY AND OTHERS. HE REMEMBERED HUMAN WEAKNESS

1. HE REMEMBERETH THAT WE ARE DUSTY
2. WHERE WERE MARY'S OTHER SONS? HEITH DID HIS BRETHREN BELIEVE.... IF HE APPEARED TO JAMES' MARY STILL BELIEVED.

3. JOHN WAS HER NEPHEW, JOHN WAS THERE
- II HE REMEMBERED THE CALL OF DUTY
1. HE KEPT THE LAW FOR US, AND EVEN IN AGONY OF DEATH REMEMBERED IT
 2. FIFTH COM. MORE THAN FLOWERS ON MOTHERS' DAY. PROVISION FOR NEED.
 3. FROM THAT (VERY) HOUR.....HOMEN

III HE REMEMBERED HUMAN NEED

1. NO DREAMER, ALWAYS CONSCIOUS OF PRACTICAL THINGS.
2. WHAT MUST WE DO NOW?"
3. EVEN IN WEARINESS, HUNGER, OR AGONY

OF CROSS, ALWAYS REMEMBERED HUMAN NEED TOUCHED WITH THE FEELING OF OUR INFIRMITIES"

"WE HAVE FOUND HIM OF WHOM MOSES.....AND THE PROPHETS WROTE, JESUS OF NAZARETH".

---JOHN 1:45

INT. - EUREKA! ARCHIMEDES! BATH

1 THE SPIRIT OF EXPECTATION

1. HOW COULD THEY KNOW X WAS COMING IN THE TIME? SIMEON, THE PUBLIC, EVEN WOMAN OF SAMARIA, EVEN SCRIBES TO SOME EXTENT

2. HAVE WE THE SP. OF EX. FOR OUR FAITH? AND WHAT DO WE EXPECT? GROWTH, INDIV. AN COLLECTIVE? ENTHUSIASM? XIAN FELLOWSHIP? PRESENCE OF GOD? SALVATION OF LOST?

3. WHAT DO WE EXPECT OF XMAS? A TIME OF DRUGGERY OR HILARITY? OR SPIR. EXPERIENCING? WHAT MOSES AND PROPHETS WRITTEN?

1. MOSES - "A PROPHET LIKE ME; HEAR HIM"

2. ISAIAH - "BRANCH OF STOCK OF DAVID"

JESSE- SPIRIT OF THE LORD SHALL REST UPON HIM, SPIRIT OF WISDOM, COUNSEL, RIGHTEOUS

3. DAVID - "THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD...."

4. ISAIAH 11 - SUFFERING SERVANT

5. PAUL - ACTS 26:22,3 - SAYING NOTHING

BUT WHAT THE PROPHETS AND MOSES SAID

WOULD COME TO PASS, THAT X MUST SUFFER, RISE FROM DEAD, GIVE LIGHT TO PEOPLE

I.E., ISRAEL, AND GENTILES?

1. WE HAVE FOUND HIM - VISION

1. EVEN EXPECTING, MANY FAILED TO SEE

2. JESUS OF NAZARETH - NAZARETH!

3. PHILIP'S JUDGMENT - NOT COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE

BUT VISION - LATER PET. "THOU ART X"

4. EARLY PREACHING OF APOS. "TO HIM GIVE

ALL THE PROPHETS WITNESS AFTER CRUCIFIXION

AND RESURRECTION IT WAS EASIER TO SEE

EVEN NOW, NOT COMPLETE, "WE HAVE FOUND

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"JESUS CAME, THE DOORS BEING SHUT...."

JOHN 20:26

INT. - SUNRISE SERVICE - MUST IT BE OUT-DOORS? DECISION OF MIN. ASSN. - CHURCH MORE COMFORTABLE, SECURE AC. UNFAVORABLE WEATHER.

ARE WE AFRAID IT WILL BE LESS MEANINGFUL THERE WE NEED NOT BE, FOR THAT FIRST DAY.....

1 JESUS CAME, THE DOORS BEING SHUT

1. WAS THE RISEN BODY OF X THE SAME BODY?

IF NOT, WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT BODY?

IF SO, HOW COULD HE APPEAR AND DISAPPEAR, WALK WITH FRIENDS UNRECOGNIZED, GO THRO. DOORS?

AND WHAT HAPPENED AT THE ASCENSION?

2. THESE QUESTIONS HAUNT US; WE CAN'T ANSWER THEM. BUT WE HAVE AMPLE TESTIMONY THAT.....

1. THE RISEN CHRIST APPEARED TO HIS PEOPLE

1. NOT CONTINUOUSLY - OFTEN GONE BEFORE THEY

REALIZED HE WAS THERE *People say to go to the tomb*

2. SOMETIMES TO INDIVIDUALS, SOMETIMES TO GR

3. AT HIS WILL, NOT THEIRS

4. TO PEOPLE NOT EXPECTING, PEOPLE WITHOUT

HOPE, EVEN TO PEOPLE OPPOSED, AS JAMES, SAUL

1. HE DID APPEAR TO PEOPLE THEN; DOES HE NOW?

1. WHAT DO WE EXPECT WHEN WE MEET THUS ON

EASTER MORNING? EXPECT HIM TO APPEAR?

2. WHY MEET EARLY? WHY NOT WAIT TILL CUSTOMARY

HOOR OF WORSHIP?

3. WHY DO KIDS GET UP EARLY ON XMAS? BECAUSE

IT IS A JOYFUL DAY, THEY CAN'T WAIT

4. THIS SERVICE NOT AN ADDITIONAL BURDEN, FOR

PEOPLE WITH FULL DAY. THIS IS A DAY OF JOY, IT

BERCOVES US TO BEGIN IT EARLY

5. EVERY SUNDAY IS EASTER - EVERY SUNDAY WE

WORSHIP X, REMEMBER HIS RESURRECTION; BUT

EASTER IS SPECIAL - LET US MAKE IT SPECIAL!

6. AND IF, SINCE PENTECOST, HIS APPEARANCE TO

THE CHURCH IS IN PERSON OF HOLY SPIRIT, WE MAY

INDEED MEET HIM. IN FACT, HE IS HERE! LET US

WEAR HIM SAY, "ALL HAIL", AND BE JOYFUL.

THE CAME UNTO HIS OWN, AND HIS OWN RE-CEIVED HIM NOTH.

---John 53 - "I just little Jesus Day"

INT. - COMING OF JESUS - NO ROOM IN INN

SYMBOLIC OF REJECTION - THEY DID NOT KNOW

HE WAS X - 1 COR. 2:8 NONE OF RULERS KNEW

ELSE THEY WOULD NOT HAVE CONSPIRED

1 SOME PEOPLE REJECTED JESUS BECAUSE HE

DID NOT AGREE WITH THEIR RELIGIOUS IDEA

1. SAMARITANS REC. HE WAS HEADED FOR JER

2. PHAR. REC. DID NOT WASH HANDS, REC. HE

3. HAZARETH REC OF GENTILES, WORLD VIEW

4. PEOPLE TODAY, NO NEW IDEAS, CUSTOMS,

STALE, EVTH. JUST LIKE OLD DAYS

1. SOME REJEC. REC. ATTITUDE PEOPLE, PROPT

1. DEMONIAIC AND SHINE - BEGGED DEPART

2. MONEY - IF ACC. X MEANS STEWARDSHIP,

COUNT ME OUT - ALWAYS PROCH. ASK MONEY!

3. PEOPLE - MONEY? OK, BUT CARE ABT PEOP

NEEDY, MIGRANTS, FOREIGNERS, CHINESE,

KOREANS, AFRICANS, NIGGERS - NOT ME!

1. SOME REJEC. TEMPORARILY FROM ME

1. PET. DEPART FROM ME...SINFUL MAN!

2. DOES ACC. X MEAN TAKE REL. SERIOUSLY?

DOES IT MEAN PRAY --- REALLY PRAY?

DOES IT MEAN CARE ENOUGH TO GIVE UP

FISHING TRIP, FAMILY VIST, RODEO,

TO BE IN MY PLACE AT WARSHIP?

DOES IT MEAN ACC. RESP. FOR LONG, PRE

LDERSHIP SCH., READ SURVEY, BOOKS?

DOES IT MEAN PARTIC. MCC, MEN, PYET?

3. NOT MY FEET ONLY, HANDS AND HEAD

HAVE ROOM FOR HIM IN OUR LIVES

"Blessed are the poor in spirit..."

Int. I series on the Beatitudes

I Blessed are the poor -- Luke

1. Mark 10, Luke 12, "How hardly...rich!"
2. Apostles astounded - rich important, substantial, dependable any sort of Kingdom
3. But the poor ARE happier, bel. or not
4. "Happiness (read possession) has no history" - bec. poss. has no substance - only real happiness in struggle

We rem. fondly days of war, depression when even survival was precarious - when our utmost was demanded *Here olim* Teen-ager puts tog. bits of junk, make car of his own, far happier than rich boy with Cad. convertible

Youth working way thro college, hoping for break so he can have price of show, sth to wear to party -- *win him*

"Now, gum...box of shells" *win him*

II Then What? -- Francis of Assisi? *win him*

1. Is that the answer? become vagabonds, beggars, Buddhist monks, begging food?
2. Francis was grt man, perceived that people, esp. the church, enslaved by wealth
3. Time to strike out against it - but "vows of poverty" not the way to do it

III Poor in Spirit

1. "They that trust in riches" we say, that lets me out - but can we have, not Tr
2. How hardly...riches, social position, education, beauty, glamor... *SELF*
3. Who then? Impossible! - Jesus, "Don't take me so literally"

4. Jesus was realistic, knew wh. ppl are like, altho. they ought to be like - *gives, altho. full and empty*

"He himself bore our sins in his own body on the tree, that we might be justified and live unto righteousness." -- I Pet. 2:24

Read I Peter 2:18-25

Int. - Good Friday? Bad Friday?

1. Do Not Pity Christ
1. Much of our Xian thinking, most of art some of hymns do just that
2. Pleading - "Do you pity me, bec. dead?" No!...Greet with a cheer!"
3. Nathan Hale - do we pity him? No!
4. What X did on the cross was the greatest thing anybody ever did - more than all creation, all revelation, it revealed God

Nature with open volume stands...

II He Took Our Sin on Himself?

1. II Cor. 5:21, "Made him to be sin..."
2. "There, but for the grace of God..."
3. We look on sin, despise, loathe it -- We say, "Thank God I was spared that Or, "O wretched man that I am..."
4. X became a thief, a rapist, a liar, a cheat...so that I wouldn't have to be that
5. It was not just the punishment of our sins that he bore, but the UNS - the worst we can experience or imagine, he felt, and cried, My God...why hast thou forsaken me? III That We Might Die to sin and live...

1. He became what we were, that we might become what he is
2. Now we are free - whatever sin we might have had, he has borne it, it is forgiven
3. How can we respond to this? Say, Let us continue in sin, that grace may abound? When He died, WE died. HE LIVES, WE live joined to him forever. Not our own any more

WHEN HEROD THE KING HEARD THESE THINGS HE WAS TROUBLED, AND ALL JERUS. WITH HIM.

--- MATT. 2:3

TROUBLE AT XMAS? *72 pages* SAME AS XMAS? *72 pages* INWARDLY, MADE AFRAID

1. HEROD WAS TROUBLED -- WHY? 1. ABOUT HIS THRONE -- BUT WHY? HE WAS ALMOST DEAD OF OLD AGE, DIED IN FEW WEEKS YET ABOUT THIS TIME EXEC. ELDEST SON FOR SUSPICION OF TREASON

SELFISHNESS FEEDS ON ITSELF, MORE AND MORE 2. SUPERSTITIOUS FEAR OF GOD -- HAD OPPOS NOW AFRAID GOD WAS DOING STNG.

3. TROLD, BUT DETERMINED TO THWART GOD'S PLAN -- IF HE HAD A PLAN.

II ALL JERUSALEM WITH HIM

1. THEY WANTED MESSIAH, OR THAT THEY DID
2. ANY SORT OF REVOLUTION SPELLED TROUBLE -- WANTED FREEDOM, DELIVERANCE, BUT AFRAID 3. WHY SHOULD "PEACE ON EARTH" MEAN STRIF

SEC. HAN REFUSES GOD'S PEACE, WANTS OWN WA III ARE WE TROUBLED ABOUT XMAS?

1. LIKE HEROD, TROLD AT COMING OF X? SEC. JEALOUS OF POSITION AND PRESTIGE? SEC. CONSCIENCE ASLEEP, WE DON'T WANT IT WAKED? SEC. SATISF WITH RELIGION THAT DEMANDS LIT 2. LIKE SCROOGE, EXPENSE, WASTE, MOCKERY? OR LIKE BOB CRATCHET, UNABLE TO PROVIDE COMFORTS AND JOYS FOR OUR OWN? 3. ARE WE TROUBLED SEC. SPIR. SIDE OF XMA EMPHASIZED LESS AND LESS, COM., FESTAL AND SENTIMENTAL MORE AND MORE? SEC. MS CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN OUTWEIGHS XMAS IDEALS? 4. ONLY ONE ANSWER -- REC. K OF KINGS, GIVE

A SOLEMN PLEDGE TO GOD

"We also lay upon ourselves the obligation
.... We will not neglect the house of our
God."

Int. - Abandoned church - sad to see -
Once somebody loved, built w/ enthusiasm
I Revival under Ezra, 450 B. C.

1. Often house of God abandoned, neglected
e.g. in Ezra's time

2. Revival began with reading the Bible

3. Discovered they were not obeying

4. Resolved to make a new start - to make

II A Solemn Pledge to God

1. A "firm covenant", signed, sealed

2. A pledge of money and goods for God

3. An obligation assumed, binding them

to fulfill this pledge

III Xians Need to Stand up and Be Counted

1. Some say, "I believe, ..don't want to
commit myself to anything."

2. Some, "I'll give, but not pledge, I
don't want to be under obligation."

3. Xians should be willing to take resp,

4. Should be willing to bind, obligate
thslvs to something definite - Say...

5. Decl. of Ind. - "Our lives, liberty,
sacred honor"

IV We will not neglect....

1. Material support, as above

2. Regularity of worship + attendance

3. Responsibility of Membership

4. Contraint to take new situation
that may arise - new bldg, merger,
change of educational procedure

ABOUT IN FACT CHRIST HAS BEEN RAISED FROM
THE DEAD, THE FIRST FRUITS OF THOSE WHO
HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP." -- 1 COR. 15:20

INT. - "THIS IS THE GOSPEL"

1. KNOWN FACT, NOT A THING TO BE PROVED

2. MESSAGE OF APOSTLES - JESUS IS THE X,
REJECTED, CRUCIFIED, RAISED BY POWER OF GOD

3. WE ARE THE WITNESSES; WE HAVE SEEN HIM
OURSELVES!

4. ACTS 10:41 - "NOT TO ALL...CHOSEN WITNESSES
...ATE AND DRANK WITH HIM AFTER HE ROSE..."

5. HE WAS SEEN BY PETER...APOSTLES...JAMES (NOT
IN GOSPELS)...500, MOSTLY STILL ALIVE..."

6. (HE DOES NOT MENTION THE WOMEN) - "FINALLY
BY ME!"

7. BUT IT WAS NOT TO PROVE HIS RESURRECTION
IT WAS SURE, SOMETHING KNOWN; THE GUARANTEE

OF.....

1. OUR RESURRECTION

2. "HOW SAY SOME OF YOU.....?"

3. PEOPLE STILL SAY IT - IN OUR SCIENCE
WE DEEM IT IMPOSSIBLE. BUT IF JESUS WAS
RAISED FROM THE DEAD, WE CAN EXPECTED TO BE
RAISED TOO.

4. HOW? WITH WHAT BODY? GOD GIVES A BODY.
WE CAN'T EVEN BE SURE WHAT SORT OF BODY
JESUS HAD AFTER RESURRECTION, OR WHAT HAP-
PENED TO IT; BUT THE TESTIMONY IS TOO STRONG
TO REJECT; AND IF HE ROSE, WE CAN EXPECT TO
RISE.

5. THE FIRST FRUITS

6. THE DEDICATED, CHOICE PORTION

7. THE FIRST - LAZARUS, OTHERS, RAISED, FROM
AT LEAST APPARENT DEATH TO TEMPORARY LIFE -
AT LEAST - START. DURING OPERATION

"THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT, THAT YE/LOVE
ONE ANOTHER." -- JOHN 15:12

INT. - "PUTTING CHRIST INTO CHRISTMAS"

1. PUTTING LOVE INTO CHRISTMAS - WHY DO
XMAS PREPARATIONS START SO EARLY, EARLIER
EACH YEAR? WHY ALL THE NOISE, FINERY,
DECORATION, ETC.? IF NO LOVE IN IT,
NOTHING IN IT!

2. THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT

3. ONLY TWO THINGS ON A MAN OF WAR -
ONE'S DUTY, TOTHER'S MUTINY

4. DUTY - MOTHER DAUGHTER OF THE VOICE
OF GOD

5. ARE WE FREE FROM THE LAW? THEN WHY
HAVE A COMMANDMENT?

6. FREE, INDEED; BUT BECAUSE WE ACCEPT
X AS KING. AND AS A KING HE HAS AUTHORITY
AND WE HAVE - DUTY, OR MUTINY

7. LOVE - AGAPE

8. CAN LOVE BE COMMANDED? THE WHO STEMS
A STREAM WITH SAND...."

9. IS IT POSSIBLE TO LOVE PEOPLE WE DON'T
KNOW? OR EVEN SOME WE DO KNOW?

10. WE ACCEPT GOD AS KING, HIS WILL AS
OUR LAW OF LIFE. CAN WE RESERVE TO OURSELVES
THE RIGHT TO HATE? OR EVEN TO BE INDIFFERENT
ISN'T THAT MUTINY?

11. AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

12. ONLY LOVE CAN COMMAND LOVE - BECAUSE
HE LOVED US WITHOUT STINT, HE HAS THE
RIGHT TO COMMAND LOVE - Pain of God (love)

13. AND THE POWER - "THE LOVE OF X CONSTITUTES
3. NOT TO LOVE HIM (THO WE DO THAT) BUT
TO PASS IT ON, COMPLETE HIS WORK OF LOVE

14. Y... ..

PREFACE

"Give us some of your oil"...."Go and buy for yourselves..." -- Matt. 25:8-9

Int. - This parable only in Matthew - point of this and many others, be ready!

I The Foolish and the Wise

1. Parable reflects marriage custom of day private ceremony, torchlight parade, banquet for friends - if you want in, be ready

2. Foolish were there in place, evidently thought they would get in

3. But they did not take it seriously - sure they took lamps for the parade, but never gave a thought to the time element, oil need

4. "Go buy for yourselves!" At midnight? Don't be silly! Heartless? But what else? No use dividing, and having ten unprepared

II Besides, Spiritual Preparation unsharable 1. What Jesus was talking about is sth in ourselves, it IS ourselves, we can't share it

2. Dr. Faustus, "See how X's blood runs... One drop will save my soul..." but not avail able on those terms - not dispensed w/ drpr

3. Deathbed repentance? All th. possible with God, but one who comes cringing at sight of death - has anyth happd to his soul? ...

III Parable for People Who Consider slvs Xis 1. Girls thought they were ready - so many people join church, attend now and then, thin everyth OK, never give a thought - Oh, I'm OK, I'm a ... baptized...why bother?

2. Ch. mbrshr without real faith and repnte vain and useless - and if we have real faith IT WILL SHOW IN OUR ACTION & WE CAN WE TELL of oh mbrs who don't even attend

3. You can kid yourself, but you can't fool God. TAKE YOUR XIAN LIFE SERIOUSLY!

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, Good will toward men."

-- Luke 2:14

Int. - The song of the angels - this could not pass unnoticed - Do someth! I Glory to God in the highest

1. Our songs cannot make Him greater nob our gifts enrich Him. But it does enable man to praise and serve God.

2. Worthy of our best efforts, voice and instruments. "The Messiah"

3. Godet - "When the witnesses of the blessing sing, how could they who are the objects of it keep silent?"

II On earth, peace - ~~25y~~ - ~~downside~~

1. Did the angels mock? a. Pax Romana b. Poster - "Peace on Earth" - US Navy

c. Frantic preparation for war 2. With X's coming, peace came to have a new meaning. Thayer - "Acc. to a concept, distinctly pec. to Xianity"

the tranquil state of the soul assu of its salvation thru X, and so fear noth. fr. God, and content with its earthly lot, of whatever sort that it is. Peace I ... give... not as th wor.

4. Paul lived in strife, perseo. an trouble, wrote of "p. that pass. Und III Good will to Men - ~~Best translation~~

2. God really cares - to the utmost 2. Why be discouraged or afraid? If God be for us, what does it matte who is against us?

3. Who shall separate us from the love of X?

GOOD GIFTS TO OUR CHILDREN

WHAT MAN (OR WOMAN)...LOAF...STONE, ...FISH ...SERPENT...GOOD GIFTS ...HOW MUCH MORE YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER..." -- Matt. 7:9-11

Int. - Mothers' Day - Fathers too

I WHAT GIFTS DO WE GIVE?

1. Bread...stone...cake - pampering and luxury - Horton, Southern Cr/...ITAQUIC LUNCHROOM FOOD - THAT SLOP! SCHL LNMH 1012

2. OVER ABUNDANCE - XMAS ONCE A YEAR - EASTER, HALLOWE'EN, JULY 4 ALL BETWEEN McL - RABBIT (WRONG KIND) BELTS LIKE SOME TV STAR (A BELT'S NOT A PRESENT!)

3. THINGS OUT OF SEASON - FORMAL DANCES FOR CHILDREN - WHAT'S LEFT TO HAVE WHEN THEY GROW UP? THE JONESES DO IT, AND WE HAVE TO KEEP UP WITH THEM!

4. THINGS POSITIVELY HARMFUL - ALCOHOL ED. BALLOT HI SCHL - MANY DRANK AT HOME WITH PARENTS! CONSENT - SMOKING LIKEWISE

II WHAT GIFTS DO WE WITHOLD?

1. COMPANIONSHIP

2. DISCIPLINE -

A. REQUIRED WORK, STUDY, PRACTICE

B. PUNISHMENT - "I MAY NEVER BE ABLE TO STOP YOU FROM DOING THIS, BUT YOU WILL ALWAYS KNOW I TRIED"

C. DOING WITHOUT THINGS BEC. WE CAN'T GET THEM - DISC. OF NECESSITY - ~~How's that?~~

3. XIAN TRAINING - ESP. BY EXAMPLE - BOY READY FOR SS, PARENTS IN PAJAMAS, S. PAPER SS OR ESP. VCS FINE - FREE BABY SITTING - IS THAT ALL YOU INTEND TO GIVE THEM? AND IF THEY BECOME DELINQUENT, WHOSE BLAME?

III HOW MUCH MORE...YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER HARD TO GET CHON TO TAKE GOOD GIFTS

Blessed... hunger and th... R... be filled!
-- Matt. 5:6

Int. - Hungry after church

I Hunger for RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. Comp. to hunger for food
2. To other hungers - football, fishing, drama, music, fellowship w/ friends and kin - we satisfy these as we have opportunity
3. Hunger for Righteousness - for obedience communion w/ God, service, growth in knowl.
4. BLESSED are those who have this hunger? *Even is people not*

II This is the Thing We Chiefly Lack

1. Hunger for R. should be expressed in:

- a. Zeal for ch. attendance - 50%?
- b. Concern for program of ch - How many turn out for missionary speaker?

- c. Desire to serve worthily - Ch. School choir, VSS, care of property (women, youth)
 - d. Participation in activities - Men,
 - e. Concern for personal spir. growth - reading, Bible study, prayer, conferences
2. Not all lack in same area, same degree
3. Rally Day an opportunity to renew hunger

III Blessedness -- Shall be Filled

1. Girl who saw real skinny woman - "You don't want to look like that?" "No, but I am to put on those pounds."
2. Blessedness - not hunger in vain - fill
3. No overweight problem - the more we hunger, the more we can eat and be satisfied.
4. No problem of lack of appetite - filled but still hungry, still eating, still shall hunger. 24:21 *who that eateth we shall still hunger... drinketh... thirst.*

hunger, eating, growth, normal for life

R. 24:21 *who that eateth we shall still hunger... drinketh... thirst.*

2 bring you your offerings of joy
joy - Luke 2:10
surprises - perhaps the only offering

I What is Joy?

1. Webster's definition -
2. Etymology - gaudere, gaudium, joy
3. 2d Heb. 4:11, various words:
a. euprosynon - to be well-minded, happy
b. 210 - to be good
c. 117 - to be happy
d. 117 - to be about
e. 117 - to go in, in, hence
f. 117 - to be about
g. 117 - to be about

II God is the ultimate source of joy

1. Heb. "The Joy of the Lord is your strength"
2. Ps. 41:4 - "Then will I be able to stand in the midst of my enemies"
3. Joel 2:27 - "Joy in the Lord is your strength"
4. Even in tribulation
a. 24:24 "Rejoice my people with the Lord"
5. C. Obedience - "Rejoice in the Lord, for he is your strength"
6. Conscience, joy in the very self
7. The final word - "Enter then into the joy of your Lord"

III Specifically here the joy was due to

1. The final revelation of God
2. The fulfillment of God's promise
3. The day - not the next day, but the day of the Lord
4. The day - not the day of the Lord, but the day of the Lord
5. The day - not the day of the Lord, but the day of the Lord

1. The final revelation of God

"We shall find the babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger." -- Luke 2:12

Int. -- A sign -- something tangible, so that they wouldn't think it a dream.

I A babe

1. Nothing so weak and helpless, nothing so full of promise.
2. A living pledge of God's faithfulness
3. God does care, he has not forsaken, tho his people often faithless.
4. A renewal of God's covenant, the fulfillment of his promise.

II Wrapped... lying in a manger

1. Partaking of our humanity, even of our poverty.
2. Poor, but not abandoned.
3. A reminder that luxury is not import.
4. God hath chosen the weak things...

III Not a complete fulfillment

1. A long time to wait, while th. went from bad to worse.
2. Even when Jesus began his min., even after resurrection, things v. dark.
3. God does not give us complete things. Salvation God's gift, but "work out"...

IV Each pledge and renewal of God's promise is:

1. An occasion of joy
2. A call to humility
3. A charge to work and wait.

WE KNOW THAT IN EVERYTHING GOD WORKS FOR GOOD WITH THOSE WHO LOVE HIM, WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE." -- ROM. 8:28

INT. - PRESBYTERIANS BEL IN SOVRNTY OF G

1 CLIMAX OF ARGUMENT

1. OUTLINE OF ROMANS: 1-3, SIN AND SLVTN, 8-11, SALVTN TO ALL PEOPLES; 12-16, NEW LIFE IN INDIVIDUALS

2. SIN, LAW, GRACE, REDEMPTION, NEW LIFE

3. NO CONDEMNATION, BUT STILL SUFFERINGS

4. HOW CAN XIAN MEET SUFFERINGS? THIS WAY:

11 WE KNOW THATGOD WORKS FOR GOOD

1. NOT IDLE GENERALIZATION - ALL FOR BEST

2. THINGS ARE NOT WORKING, GOD IS WORKING

THRO ALL THINGS

3. NOT A GUARANTEE OF NO TROUBLE - FAR FROM IT - TRIBULATION...DISTRESS, FAMINE, ETC.

4. PEOPLE IMAGINE CONTRARY - EVERYTHING

WILL BE OK, NO TROUBLE; THEN DISASTER COMES

THEY ARE OVERWHELMED - HOW COULD...HFN TO ME

5. TROUBLES DO COME, INNOCENT PEOPLE SUFFER

SICKNESS COMES TO MANY, DEATH TO ALL

6. BUT THESE CANNOT SEPARATE US FR LOVE OF

GOD - IN ALL THESE HE WORKS FOR GOOD

111 TO THOSE WHO LOVE GOD

1. NOT TO ALL - TO MAN WHO DOES NOT KNOW

GOD, BLIND CHANCE RULES, LIFE IS MEANINGLESS

DEATH IS DEFEAT

2. ONLY TO THOSE WHO LOVE GOD, ACKNOWL. HIM

AS LORD, HIS WILL AS GOOD, HIS LAW RIGHT

3. IN ALL TH GOD WORKS FOR HIS PURPOSE, NOT

FOR OUR SELFISHNESS

4. KNOWING OURSELVES GOD'S CHDN, WE KNOW

THAT WH HAPNS TO US IS DESTINY, NOT CAPRICE,

THAT WE ARE CHOSEN, CALLED, JUSTIFIED

"He came unto His own, and His own

received Him not" -- John 1: 11

Int. - The central fact of Xmas -- X came

-- not how, but the blessed fact.

I He came unto His Own. Who were His Own?

1. The Jews

a. Chosen people

b. The Covenant

c. Law and Prophets

d. Temple and Sacrifices

e. Judgment and Mercy

2. The World

a. God so loved the WORLD

b. "Let all the peoples praise"

c. All nations - "Egypt my People,

Assyria the work of my Hands, Israel

mine inheritance." -- Isa. 19:25

d. "Whosoever"

3. The Elect - The Church

a. John 17 - "I pray not for the world,

but for those whom Thou hast given"

b. The Israel of God.

II His Own Received Him not.

1. Rejected by the Jews -- although

individual Jews believed, and still do

2. The world - Statn offered it to Him

and He refused - "My kingdom is not.."

3. Even the Church, professing loyalty

and living selfishly - "Why call ye me

'Lord', and do not the th. that I say?"

Con. But some received Him - many, in fact

but few in comparison. Let us receive Him,

not only in word and outward form, but in

deed and in truth.

"And on earth peace..." -- Luke 2:14b

Int. - Beautiful to sing about, but is

it possible to have "peace on earth"?

I How Can We Have Peace in Midst of Trigl

1. Personal problems - sickness, unbert-

ainty, separation due to job changes, etc.

- or death of loved ones - P. perf. Peace

2. War, enemies - can a Xian fight? My X.

not of this world - but Xian has obligatio

to state also, may be called to serve in w

3. Can people of Cuba have peace? S. Viet

4. Pax Romana - is that the answer?

II How Can We Have Peace in Face of Moral

Challenge?

1. Jesus, "I came not to bring peace...sw.

2. Lawless men - gambling, narcotics,

gangsters, hoodlums - bribery of officers,

intimidation of witnesses

3. Corruption in civil life - legislature

dominated by selfish interests - social,

political, economic, even rel. pressure gr

(read quot. fr. Thundering Scot)

4. Can we fold our hands and see innocent

mistreated, minorities deprived of civil

and political rights? e.g. right to vote

III Peace Is Possible ONLY in Acknowledge-

ment of Jesus X as Lord

1. O Holy Jesus, Prince of Peace and Savi

2. Only as sinful world is brought under

his righteous judgment

3. We cannot stop all the lawlessness, bu

we can take our stand against it - and may

be suffer as result

4. Seek peace by doing right, even if we

suffer for it, "only in your hearts rever.

X as Lord." With him as Lord we have peace

"HE WENT AWAY AND PRAYED FOR THE THIRD TIME, SAYING THE SAME WORDS." — MATT. 26: 44

INT. — HOW DID THE APOSTLES KNOW WHAT JESUS SAID, WHEN THEY WERE ASLEEP — ESP. M2 I MYSTERY OF X, GOD AND MAN

1. GOD, AND YET HE PRAYED!
2. MAN, TOO, HE CAME *400* GOD IN HIS NEED
3. FEAR AND HORROR OF SHAME, *1000* DEATH
4. WE NEED NOT FEEL ASHAMED WHEN UNABLE TO BANISH FEAR AND HORROR OF DEATH

11 THE THIRD TIME.....SAME WORDS

1. WHY PRAY AGAIN, SAME WORDS? WE'VE ALREADY SAID IT, BESIDES, GOD KNEW IT ALL THE TIME
2. WHEN WE PRAY, DAY AFTER DAY, DO WE ALWAYS SAY SAME THING? (JUST ABOUT) WHY REPEAT?

3. PRAYERS IN LITURGY, ESP. LORD'S PRAYER SAID OVER AND OVER, ALWAYS STHC MORE OF OURSELVES GOES INTO THEM

4. SO HYMNS, WE'VE SONG THEM OVER AND OVER BUT STILL NEW, STILL OUR EXPR. OF FAITH, PRAISE, PRAYER, JOY.

111 HOW LONG PRAY FOR A SPECIFIC THING? 1. 11 COR. 12:8, "I THrice BEsought — THREE TIMES? ALSO X HERE, "THIRD TIME"

2. UNTIL WE RECEIVE IT, OR UNTIL WE CEASE TO WANT IT, OR UNTIL WE ARE CONVINCED THAT GOD'S WILL IS OTHERwISE

IV ASK AND RECEIVE. *3. Not by emptying the answer, but by the answer.*

1. HOW MUCH GOD WANTS TO GIVE US THROUGH PRAYER, THAT WE CANNOT HAVE WITHOUT IT! M2. EVEN THO HE DENY OUR SPECIFIC REQUEST, GOD ALWAYS GIVES HIMSELF

3. That your joy may be full — not just a momentary joy, but a joy that you can have every day.

THE WORD AND THE SACRAMENTS

"THAT WHICH...WE HAVE LOOKED UPON AND TOUCHED WITH OUR HANDS, CONCERNING THE WORD OF LIFE" I JOHN 1:1

INT. — ADVENT — THE WORD BECAME FLESH... 1 THE WORD AND THE SACRAMENTS

1. JESUS WAS THE WORD MADE FLESH — VISIBLE, TANGIBLE

2. THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD WRITTEN

3. THE SACRAMENTS ARE THE WORD MADE VISIBLE

4. INSENSIBLE SIGNS...REPRESENTED, SEALED, APPLIED....

5. CIRCUMCISION, PASSOVER, NOT CALLED S. IN OT, BUT HAD SAME FUNCTION

6. BAPTISM, LORD'S SUPPER, WORD S. NOT USED IN NT

7. REFORMATION CONCEPT — WORD AND SACRAMENT 11 BAPTISM

1. A SIGN OF CLEANSING BY SPIRIT — "WHO CAN FORBID WATER....?"

2. WHAT CAN A FEW DROPS (OR AN OCEAN) OF WATER DO? ESP. TO BABY WHO DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING? (B. DOESN'T SAVE ANYBODY, WHY BOTHER WITH IT?) IT IS THE APPOINTED SIGN, HOW DARE WE REJECT IT?

3. WE CAN'T SEE THE SPIRIT, WE CAN SEE THE WATER — AND IT OUGHT TO BE SEEN 111 THE LORD'S SUPPER

1. THE PASSOVER — WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT FOR HIS PPL, HE DID FOR US

3. X OUR PASSOVER IS SACRIFICED FOR US, LET US KEEP THE FEAST...SINCERITY AND TRUTH

4. ALL THAT THE PASSOVER WAS TO ISRAEL, THE LORD'S SUPPER IS TO US, AND MORE

5. WHAT CAN A MORSEL OF BREAD, A SUP OF WINE DO FOR US? THEY ARE THE APPOINTED SIGN

6. GOD'S LOVE FOR THE VISIBLE, TANGIBLE, MEAT AND BLOOD

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"HE WILL NOT BREAK A BRUISED REED, OR QUENCH A SMOLDERING WICK...." — MATT. 12: 13 (ISA. 42:3)

INT. — MATTHEW'S INTERPRETATION — IT WAS WHEN JESUS STUCK HIS NECK OUT TO HELP PPL, YET REFUSED TO MAKE ANY CAPITAL OF HIS WORKS, THAT SEEMED TO HIM TO FULFILL THIS OT WORD 1 "GENTLE JESUS, MEek AND MILD"

1. "BLESSED ARE THE MEek"

2. WAS JESUS SOFT? EASY GOING? NO!

3. HE STOOD FOR "JUSTICE", FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE — OF SICK, OLD, WEAK, UNDESERVING — EVEN GENTILES AND FOREIGNERS

4. HE DID NOT "WRANGLE NOR CRY ALoud....", BUT SPOKE FEARLESSLY AGAINST ENTRENCHED SELFISHNES

11 THE BRUISED REED, SMOLDERING WICK 1. HE DID NOT SNAP PEOPLE OFF WHEN THEY CAME UP SHORT *Prophet + beam*

2. HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD: CHILDREN (NOT IMPORTANT TO WASTE TIME) PEOPLE IGNORANT AND SLOW TO UNDERSTAND

CRIMINALS AND PROSTITUTES

3. HOW COULD HE BE SO UTTERLY DEMANDING, YET SO PATIENT WITH SINFUL, UNDESERVING? 111 ARE WE TRYING TO BE LIKE JESUS?

1. HOW DO WE FEEL ABOUT OLD PEOPLE, FOR INSTANCE? ABOUT ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN? ABOUT ALCOHOLICS, DRUG ADDICTS? ABOUT BLACKS — OR BROWNS, OR YELLOWS?

2. HOW DO WE FEEL ABOUT CRIMINALS? NO, OF COURSE WE DON'T APPROVE OF THEM, BUT HOW SHOULD THEY BE TREATED? ARE WE CONTENT TO SEE PRISONS POORLY EQUIPPED, STAFFED, SEC. NO MONEY? WOULD WE VOTE MORE TAXES TO TREAT THEM LIKE PEOPLE?

3. HOW DO WE FEEL ABOUT ENEMY NATIONS? 111 HOW DOES JESUS FEEL ABOUT US?

1. HE IS PATIENT, DOES NOT CUT US OFF WHEN WE FAIL, OR DON'T EVEN TRY

2. DOES THAT MOVE US TO REPENTANCE, OR TO

Whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it

-- Acts 2:24

Read Acts 2:14-24; 31-32; 36.

Int. - Problems of math - evolution, when we find it, not only possible, but necessary, inevitable, based on princ. true and eternal.

I Thus Christ's Resurrection was Inevit

1. At first the Apos. couldn't believe then they began to see it had to be so
2. Only thus did the Bible make sense
3. The whole purpose of creation leads up to this.
4. Focal point of all human history

II X's Resurrection Follows His Death

1. Truism? Not if we consider the nature of his death, as sacrifice.
2. Nature of sacrifice - Ruskin
3. Westcott, "Highest symbolism of sac not in death of victim, but in offering of its life.

4. X offered himself - Heb. 9:14 - "No man taketh it from me, I lay it down of myself" - John 10:18

5. "I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again". Resur. is only imaginable conclusion to that.

III Resurrection of X shows Char. of G. 1. Man's life, sup. to animals, gives hope of resurrection.

2. X's life, sup. to man, demands it
3. All that we know of God calls for

"THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT....."

INT. FAMILIAR BENEEDICTION / PARALY-
DOCTRINE OF TRINITY, BUT NOT UNDERSTOOD
I GOD IS ONE

1. FIRST AND GREAT COMMANDMENT. 6:4 - THIS WAS A NECESSARY PART OF IT. GOD CAN BE LOVED WITH WHOLE HEART ONLY WHEN CONCEIVED OF AS ONE AND ONLY GOD

2. NOT ONE GOD AND TWO LIETENANTS, NOT TWO OPPOSING (GOD AND DEVIL) NOT A GALAXY OF GODS, DEMIGODS AND SAINTS, BUT ONE GOD
3. FROM OPENING WORDS OF GENESIS, TO END OF REVELATION, ONE THEME NEVER VARIES-GOD
II YET THE CHURCH DECLARES THAT THIS ONE GOD EXISTS IN THREE PERSONS

1. GOD THE CREATOR - STAGES OF CREATION - MINERAL, VEG., ANIMAL, FIN. HUMAN PERSONAL
X2X - MAN IN GOD'S IMAGE - AS AUTHOR OF LIFE LIKE HSLF, HE IS FATHER, BEGETTER

2. GOD ENTERED INTO HUMAN LIFE, BECAME ONE OF BEGOTTEN, THEREFORE HE IS SON - JOHN 10:30, "I AND THE F. ARE ONE" 8:58 "BEF. ABR. WAS, I AM" - CERTAIN POINT OF TIME WHEN IT WAS REVEALED, BUT ETERNALLY SO - "LAMB SLAIN FROM FOUNDATION OF WORLD"

3. SPIRIT IN CREATION - ORDER, LAW, PERSONAL DIRECTION - WHAT IS A SPIRIT? A PERSON IS A SPIRIT. GOD NOT ONLY A FORCE, BUT ALL THAT OUR PERSONALITY IS, AND FAR MORE SPIRIT PERCEIVED AT DECEASED, BUT ETERNAL

III THE TRINITY
1. WORD NOT IN BIBLE, BUT FACTS STATED
2. STRUGGLE OF CHURCH TO EXPRESS IN CON. OF SPIRIT

"I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL; FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION....."

-- Rom. 1:16

INT. - ROMANS, BOOK OF THE MONTH - ROM. IS THE GOSPEL, AS PAUL SAT DOWN TO WRITE IT OUT SYSTEMATICALLY

II SALVATION NECESSARY BECAUSE OF SIN

1. PEOPLE CAN KNOW GOD, BUT NOT OBEY
2. THOSE WHO KNOW THE LAW, KNOW IT IS RIGHT BUT KNOW THEY CAN'T KEEP IT.
3. ALL HAVE SINNED, JEW AND GREEK, ALL

II THE POWER OF GOD

1. WHAT MAN CANNOT DO, GOD DOES
2. EVEN WE WHO SEEK GOD, AND TRY TO OBEY, KNOW THAT OF OURSELVES WE ARE UNABLE
3. GOD'S POWER FOR SALVATION MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH FAITH - WE ASK GOD, TRUST HIM, TO SAVE US BECAUSE WE CAN'T SAVE OURSELVES

III THIS COMES TO PASS ACCORDING TO PURPOSE

1. ALL CREATION AN EXPRESSION OF HIS PURPOSE 8:18 FF
2. DEEP MYSTERIES OF GOD FACED IN ROMANS - SOME CHOSEN, OTHERS LEFT - WHY? WE CANNOT PASS JUDGMENT ON GOD (G. OUGHT TO DO SO AND)
3. GOD'S PURPOSE IS GOOD - FOR THE WHOLE OF HIS PEOPLE, THE WHOLE PLAN. THOSE WHO SUFFER FIND IT HARD TO SEE - MARTYRS, OK, BUT WHAT ABOUT VICTIMS OF AGGRESSION, ETC?
4. IN SPITE OF ALL INCOMPREHENSIBLE TH, GLORIOUS BEYOND BELIEF 11:33-36
- IV EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH

"I AM READY.....ROME ALSO

MY AMBITION....15:20

3. CH. 10 - "WHOSOEVER.....HOW SHALL THEY HEAR

HOW DO WE REACT TO GOD'S

FORGIVENESS?

"Then Joseph sent his brothers away (loaded down with good things)...and said to them, 'Do not quarrel on the way.'" -- Gen. 45:24

- Int. - Story of Joseph - Sermon to Children
I A Picture of God's Forgiveness
1. All, unless maybe Benjamin, guilty, some more than others; all forgiven
 2. "You purposed evil..." and he had suffered humiliation, pain, long waiting
 3. "...but God meant it for good" - to Joseph, brothers and father, Egypt, others - even to ourselves today, far away in time and distance
 4. still part of God's plan and purpose
 4. Joseph forgave, in light of God's purpose, and because they were his brothers, still love
 5. God's forgiveness, free, unconditional, complete - "I'm afraid I...unpardonable sin"
- Accept God's forgiveness, confide in it
- II God's Abundance

1. They went, with fear and money - fear that they couldn't pay price, returned w/ abundance
2. Some got more than others, all got more than they deserved

3. "Do not quarrel" - Do God's gifts move us to avarice? to envy?

4. When God forgives us, do we acknowledge our undeserving, or seek to blame somebody else with our sins, thus justify ourselves?

III On the Way

1. A long road, heat, dust, flies, fatigue - time to forget the abundance they had, and this of differences, inequities
 2. Missionaries, living with other missionaries
 3. Rivalry, bickering in church, bet. churches
 4. Danger of Xians' forgetting God's grace, thinking of personal recognition, wanting own way, getting feelings hurt, holding grudges
- Con. - God has forgiven us freely - let us forget differences, rivalries, work together

THE SOUL OF THE CHURCH

IT HAS SEEMED GOOD TO THE HOLY SPIRIT AND TO US....." -- ACTS 15:28

INT. - PENTECOST -- GENERAL ASSEMBLY
THE PROMISE FULFILLED

1. A NEW DIMENSION OF REVELATION - GOD IS SPIRIT, GOD BECAME MAN, "PROCEEDED FROM FATHER AND SON"

2. ON THAT DAY PEOPLE FELT A NEW PRESENCE, A NEW POWER TO SPEAK AND ACT

- A. SOME SPOKE WORDS THEY DIDN'T KNOW
- B. MANY FELT COMPULSION TO REPENT
- C. SOME FELT DESIRE TO GIVE ALL THEY HAD
- D. ALL FELT A NEW LOVE FOR GOD AND OTHERS

3. SOME OF THESE THINGS SEEMED MIRACULOUS, OTHERS JUST WONDERFUL; SOME BELIEVED THEN, SOME STILL THINK THAT UNLESS MIRACULOUS NOT THE HOLY SPIRIT

4. LATER, PAUL, "DIVERSITIES....ONE SPIRIT"
5. NO LONGER A GROUP OF DISCIPLES, BUT THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF X, SPIRIT THE SOUL

- III THE SPIRIT IN INDIVIDUALS

1. IN CONVERSION - EFFECTUAL CALLING
2. IN DEEPENING OF XIAN EXPERIENCE
3. IN CALLING TO SPECIAL WORK IN CHURCH
4. IN PERSONAL DECISIONS

III THE SOUL OF THE CHURCH

1. MANY MEMBERS, ONE BODY - MANY CONGREGATIONS, ONE BODY, - MANY DENOMINATIONS.....

2. COUNCIL IN JERUSALEM - "H. S. AND US"

3. ORGANIZATION GREW SLOWLY, BUT SOME SENSE OF UNITY ALWAYS PRESENT, UNITY IN HS

4. GENERAL ASSEMBLY TODAY - GROUP OF PPL SENT BY THE CHURCH, NOT DELEGATED TO DO CERTAIN THINGS, BUT COMMISSIONED TO ACT UNDER GUIDANCE OF H. S.

5. "GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH" - NOT ALL AT ONCE, NOT ALL IN ANY ONE, BUT WE ARE PART OF BODY OF X, ACTIONS OF CHURCH COURTS ARE ACTIONS OF HS, GROWTH, PARTICIPATION OF EACH MEMBER IS PART OF WORK OF HS IN CHURCH

WHO MAN PUTS NEW WINE INTO OLD WINESKINS..... AND NO ONE AFTER DRINKING OLD WINE DESIRES NEW.....THE OLD IS GOOD." -- LUKE 5:37-38

INT. - XIAN EDUCATION DAY - PURPOSE OF OLD I JESUS' PARABLE OF NEW WINE

1. WHO WOULD DRINK NEW WINE?

- A. SOME ACTUALLY PREFER, BEC. MORE ACTIVE

2. MOST PREFER SMOOTHNESS, FLAVOR OF OLD, THEN WHY BOTHER TO MAKE NEW WINE?

- A. SUPPLY WILL BE EXHAUSTED
- B. OLD WINE TURNS TO VINEGAR
- C. IT HAS TO BE NEW BEFORE IT CAN BE OLD

II JESUS WAS TALKING ABOUT NEW WAYS IN RELIGION

1. TIME HONORED WAYS OF PHARISEES - METICULOUS OBEDIENCE TO LAWS, EVER MORE CLOSELY DEFINED
2. REVERENCE FOR MINUTIAE OF SS, TO POINT OF FORGETTING BASIC MEANING OF IT

3. ZEAL FOR PERSONAL R FORGETTING HUMAN NEEDS
4. EX. FAST MORE, PRAY MORE, AVOID DEFILEMENT

4. JESUS DELIBERATELY BROKE W/ ALL THESE, TO BRING REALITY OF GOD'S LOVE TO MAN, CALL MAN TO RESPOND IN LOVE - TO GOD, TO MEN

III NEW WINE TODAY *of new, breakaway, full of*

1. TIME OF THEOLOGICAL FERMENT, NEW IDEAS ABOUT WORSHIP - WE DON'T LIKE IT
2. DO WE NEED NEW CONF. OF FAITH? WHY NOT STICK TO THE OLD -- "BETTER?"

3. S. CAT - MANY YOUNG MINISTERS DESPISE IT UPON DISCARDED L. CAT. (DID THEY READ IT?) THESE ARE STILL GOOD, USEFUL, IN SPITE OF LITERALISM, LEGALISM, LACK OF VISION OF LOVE

4. BUT IF WE SAY, "GOOD ENOUGH", SHUT EYES TO ANYTHING NEW, OLD WINE WILL TURN TO VINEGAR

5. "NEW OCCASIONS TEACH NEW DUTIES....."
6. GRANTED MUCH NEW THEOL EMPTY, BUT HOW CAN WE KNOW IF WE REFUSE TO EXAMINE IT?

7. NEW FORMS OF WORSHIP - HYMNS, PRAYERS, INSTRUMENTS - GUITARS? DANCE?
8. "QUENCH NOT THE SPIRIT" LET HIM LEAD, WHETHER HE WILL

"...AS YOU HAVE ALWAYS OBEYED...MUCH MORE IN MY ABSENCE, WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING; FOR GOD IS AT WORK IN YOU..."

Phil - Ok of month - PHIL. 2:12-13

INT. "MISSIONARY METHODS - ST. PAUL'S & OUR SALVATION IS GOD'S GIFT, OUR WORK

1. PAUL IS NOT REVERSING EPH. 2:8 ET AL. SALV. IS GOD'S GIFT, NEVER DESERVED, NEVER EARNED
2. BUT GOD DOES NOT FORCE IT ON US, NOR GIVE WITHOUT OUR ACCEPTANCE
3. NOR DOES SALVATION BECOME COMPLETE WITHOUT OUR EFFORT.

BOD GIVES US RESPONSIBILITY

1. PARENTS DON'T HELP CHILDREN BY DOING HOMEWORK FOR THEM - NOR BY STANDING GUARD OVER THEIR THINKING IN COLLEGE
2. MOSES BROUGHT PEOPLE OUT OF EGYPT, TO BORDER OF LAND, LEFT THEM
3. JESUS, "IT IS EXPEDIENT...GO AWAY"
4. PAUL, "MUCH MORE NOW IN MY ABSENCE"
5. LATER, CHURCH SAID, "PEOPLE NOT ABLE TO READ BIBLE, LET PRIESTS READ FOR THEM; RIGID CENSORSHIP OF BOOKS

6. REFORMATION - "REFORMED, AND BEING REFORMED; BUT IF SUBSTITUTE FOR THOUGHT, DANGEROUS
8. FEAR AND TREMBLING - NETTE PLAYING CLARINET WEIGHT OF RESPONSIBILITY - STILL NOT AFRAID, BEC

- III GOD IS WORKING IN US
1. ALL THAT X, PROPHETS, APOSTLES, MARTYRS, HAVE DONE IS NOT WHOLE STORY - GOD IS WORKING IN US
2. "LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU" - IN EVERY SITUATION FAST TO IDEAL OF X, SELF GIVING LOVE
3. GIRL WHO THOUGHT PRAYING ON EXAM WOULD BE CHEATING - BUT IF GOD IS WORKING IN US, WHAT GOD DOES, WE TRULY DO; *3rd grad*
4. AND WHAT WE DO - IN SPITE OF MISTAKES AND IMPERFECTIONS, GOD TRULY DOES.

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
300 GOVERNMENT STREET
MOBILE, ALABAMA

SONGS ABOUT WORSHIP

PS. 134, ENTIRE

INT. - SONGS OF ASCENTS - DEGREES

1. FIFTEEN SONGS ABOUT WORSHIP - PSS. 120-134

1. "Woe IS ME THAT I DWELL..." (AWAY) *away from you*

2. "I LIFT UP MINE EYES TO THE HILLS"

3. "I WAS GLAD WHEN THEY SAID..."

4. "AS SERVANT TO MASTER...SO WE LOOK TO LORD"

5. "IF IT HAD NOT BEEN THE LORD ON OUR SIDEN"

6. "AS THE MOUNTAINS ROUND ABOUT JERUSALEM"

7. "WHEN THE LORD RESTORED THE CAPTIVITY..."

8. "UNLESS THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE..."

9. "BLESSED EVERY ONE THAT FEARS THE LORD..."

10. "SORELY THEY HAVE AFFLICTED ME..."

11. "OUT OF THE DEPTHS..."

12. "I HAVE CALMED AND QUIETED MY SOUL..."

13. "REMEMBER DAVID'S VOWS..."

14. "BEHOLD HOW GOOD AND PLEASANT..."

15. "WHO STAND BY NIGHT..."

II HOW PRECIOUS THE HOUSE OF GOD, WORSHIP!

1. IMAGINE DAYS IN PALEST. - PEOPLE GOING TO SPECIAL FEASTS, AS WHEN JESUS WAS 12 - CAMPING BY THE WAY, NOT BUSINESS TRIP, GOING TO WORSHIP
2. IMAGINE PIONEER DAYS IN AMERICA, DISTANCE, BAD ROADS, MONTHS WITHOUT REGULAR WORSHIP
3. IMAGINE TIMES OF PERSECUTION, SECRET WORSHIP
4. EVERY EXP. OF WORSHIP IS HERITAGE OF THESE
5. THINK OF COMMUNION, BAPTISMS, EASTER, XMAS, REVIVALS, HOMECOMINGS, DEDICATIONS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS - EVERY EXP. OF W. HERITAGE OF THESE
6. THINK OF BIBLE, PRAYER BOOK, HYMNBOOK, CREEDS AND CONF - EVERY EXP. HERITAGE OF THE

- III CONTEMPLATION OF TEMPLE BY NIGHT
1. PSALMIST POSSIBLY LOOKING BY MOONLIGHT, BEFORE STARTING HOME AFTER PASSOVER
2. TEMPLE SHUT, BUT STILL THERE; SOME KEEPING WATCH - WHAT A PRIVILEGE! BLESS THE LORD!
3. AND THOSE WATCH, MINDFUL OF ALL GOD'S PPL

"THE LORD BLESS YOU OUT OF ZION"

"THE LORD HATH NEED OF ME, MARK 11:3

INT. - "MY WIFE IS ALWAYS ASKING FOR MONEY..."

I THE LORD HATH NEED

1. "GOD DOETH NOT NEED MAN'S WORK...GIFT!" ACTS 17:24-5, "GOD, WHO MADE THE WORLD... IS NOT SERVED BY MAN'S HANDS, AS IF HE NEEDED ANYTHING, SINCE HE GIVES TO ALL..."
2. BUT GOD ACCEPTS US AS HIS PARTNERS IN HIS WORK IN THE WORLD, HE NEEDS US, OUR LABORS, OUR GIFTS

3. THE CHURCH, PASTORAL MINISTRY, MISSIONS COLLEGES, CAMP GROUNDS, SS LESSONS, AID TO WIDOWS AND ORPHANS... IF THESE ARE TO GO ON SOMEBODY MUST PUT UP MONEY.
4. AND WORK - GIVE OF THY SONS...WEALTH

II STANDARDS OF GIVING - HOW MUCH?

1. ARTICLE SEPT. LHJOURNAL, FAM. A, INCOME \$18,750, NO CHDN HOME ENT, AND LIQ. 1348, CIG. 263
- CHURCH AND CHAR. 265

FAM. B, 118, 127, 6 CHDN, ENT. AND LIQ

2. 11, CIG, 10, CHURCH AND CHAR 211

3. MAN WHO CUT HIS PLEDGE 10 MONTH, BOAT

TITHING, BUT NOT PERFUNCTORY, LEGALIST

III SILVER AND GOLD HAVE NONE

1. WHAT CAN WE GIVE IF WE HAVE NO MONEY? OR WHAT BESIDES MONEY?
2. CLEAN CHURCH, STRAIGHTEN BOOKS, PRESS CHOIR ROBES, EMPTY WASTEBASKET
3. GET UP 15 MIN. EARLIER, AN...E ON TIME, ATTEND WOC, FIVE, MEN, MID-WEEK
4. READ A BOOK, STUDY SS LESSON, READ BOBL

PRAY SYSTEMATICALLY, ETC. *When we give or do, let it be our*

THE APOSTLE CHURCH.

TERS, WITH THE WHOLE
--- ACTS 15:22

INT. - FINAL IN SERIES ON CH. GOVT.

1 THE APOSTLES - SENT BY X

1. SPECIAL AUTHORITY FOR REG. CHURCH - NO SUGGESTION THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE SUCCESSORS
2. PETER WAS THERE, BUT DID NOT DECIDE THE CASE, OR EVEN PRESIDE
3. PAUL AND BARNABAS SPOKE (WAS B. AN APOSTLE, OR AN ELDER?) (PETER WAS BOTH)
4. JAMES APPARENTLY PRESIDED, MADE THE MOTION THAT WAS PASSED (BEFORE ROBERTS)
5. IF ANY OTHER APOSTLES PRESENT, NOT SAID

11 THE ELDERS

1. PAUL AND BARNABAS "AND CERTAIN OTHERS"
2. HOW MANY ELDERS?
3. REPRESENTING HOW MANY CHURCHES?
4. BUT PEOPLE WERE SENT BY CHURCHES, IN ANTIOCH, DOUBTLESS OTHER PLACES
5. THEY DID PARTICIPATE IN DECISION

111 THE WHOLE CHURCH

1. A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MADE DECISION FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH - BASIC PRINCIPLE OF REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH GOVERNMENT
2. THE CHURCH IS A WHOLE, NOT COLLECTION OF INDEPENDENT CONGREGATIONS
3. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - GOVT BY ELDERS
- REPRESENTATIVE BY ELDERS IN COUNCIL
4. THE WHOLE CHURCH MADE THE DECISION VOTED IN REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY
5. THEY DID THIS IN CONVICTION THAT IT WAS DECISION OF HOLY SPIRIT.
6. WE MAY WISH MORE AUTHORITY FOR CONGREG

BUT PRESBYTERIAN GOVT IS SCRIPTURAL, GOOD

MISSIONS IN THE MODERN WORLD.
HAS THOU...I SEND THEM INTO THE WORLD."

-JOHN 17:18

"BUT NOW...PURSE...BAG...SWORD."

-LUKE 22:36

INT. - DID JESUS REALLY MEAN SWORDS? TWO - PETER HAD ONE, WHO HAD THE OTHER? JAMES? JOHN SIMON ZELOTES? THEY OFTEN TOOK HIM LITERALLY

1 JESUS MEANT, NOW YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN, USE EVERY RESOURCE

1. PURSE, BAG, SWORD... "THOSE WHO HAD LANDS..."
2. SKILLS, EXPERIENCE, LEARNING (OF A FEW)
3. THEY COULD NOT EVEN IMAGINE FUTURE NEEDS, ORGANIZATION OF CHURCH, TRAINING OF MINISTERS BUILDINGS, PROGRAMS, BOOKS, ETC; BUT:
4. USE EVERY RESOURCE, MEET SITUATIONS AS THEY ARISE, DO YOUR BEST, BE FAITHFUL
5. YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN; BUT, WHO, I AM WITH

11 MISSIONS THRO THE AGES - *WORLD*

1. SCATTERED, EXCEPT APOSTLES - PRECHNG WORD
2. SEPARATE ME SAUL AND BARNABAS...
3. "HIM WOULD PAUL HAVE TO GO FORTH WITH HIM"
4. MY JOURNEY INTO SPAIN... " - *Roman*
5. "THEY SHOULD BE ANGELS"

6. PATRICK AND THE IRISH PIRATES

7. CHARLEMAGNE AND THE SAXONS

8. FRANCIS XAVIER

111 19TH CENTURY MISSIONS - AND EARLY 20TH

1. HAYSTACK PRAYER MEETING - STUDENT VOLUNTR
2. GREENLAND'S ICY MOUNTAINS, SPEED AWAY
3. MUCH REAL HEROISM, MANY MISTAKES, TRYING TO EQUATE XIAN FAITH W/ WESTERN CULTURE
4. LORDING IT OVER THE "NATIVES"

1V MISSIONS TODAY - *Blowing in Africa - USA?*

1. "DON'T ASK ME TO GIVE TO KOREA"
2. WE ARE PULLING OUT OF MEXICO
3. CONFERENCE IN BANGKOK - "WE NEED MONEY, BUT WE DON'T WANT TO BE LORDED OVER"

4. TECHNOLOGY

5. RESTRUCTURING OF BOARDS

CON. - STILL JESUS SAYS, "USE EVERY RESOURCE -- LO, I AM WITH YOU!"

"You're not talking to Me!"

11 HAVE NOT BURDENED YOU WITH OFFERINGS, NOR WEARIED YOU WITH FRANKINCENSE."

--- ISA. 43:23

INT. - EVERY MEMBER CANVASS - "CHURCH ALWAYS AFTER MONEY"

1 I HAVE NOT BURDENED YOU WITH OFFERINGS
1. ASTOUNDING STATEMENT! WASN'T THEIR WHOLE LIFE MADE UP OF OFFERINGS? --- TITHES, SIN OFFERINGS, GRAIN OFFERINGS, REDEMPTION OF FIRST BORN, ETC. AD INFINITUM

2. OFFERINGS OF WHAT A MAN HAD, ACC. TO HOW MUCH HE HAD --- UTTERLY UNLIKE PAGAN WORSHIP, THE MORE YOU GIVE THE MORE FAVOR WITH THE GODS - HECTOR, WHOSE ZEAL...HECATOMBS

3. FOR THEIR PROFIT AND ENJOYMENT --- PARTICIPATION IN OFFERINGS

4. AND STILL NO COMPULSION --- AND THEY OFT NEGLECTED IT, AND GREW WEARY OF GOD.

11 CONTRAST WITH GOD'S GIVING

1. THIS WAS PART OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN

2. I HAVE REDEEMED THEE...I GIVE MEN IN RETURN FOR YOU...I WILL SEND TO BABYLON AND BREAK THE BARS...BRING THY CHILDREN FR. EAST WEST, NORTH AND SOUTH

3. I HAVE NOT BURDENED YOU, YOU HAVE BURDENED ME WITH YOUR SINS...STILL I REDEEM YOU

111 AN OFFERING OF LOVE IS NOT A BURDEN

1. EVEN THEN, GOD WAS PUTTING BEFORE THEM A PROGRAM (THE RETURN) THAT WOULD TAX THEIR RESOURCES AND DEVOTION TO THE UTMOST

2. WITHOUT LOVE THE GREATEST OFFERING IS FUTILE - "THO I BESTOW ALL ..."

3. ALL THAT WE GIVE IN LOVE FOR GOD'S WORK AS PLEASING TO HIM (AND NOTHING TO WHAT HE

WDEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK....."
-- REV. 3:42C

INT. - LETTERS TO 7 CHURCHES - VARIOUS INTERPRETATIONS - CERTAINLY ADDRESSED TO US
I WRITTEN, NOT TO NON-CHIANS, BUT TO CHIANS
1. PEOPLE WHO AT LEAST THOUGHT HE WAS INSIDE
2. WE BEAR THE NAME OF CHIANS, HIS NAME DESIGNATED
3. TO ALL OF US, EVEN MOST DEDICATED, HE IS STILL IN SOME SENSE OUTSIDE, KNOCKING
II LUKEWARM - DOES THAT MEAN US?
1. HOW SOON THE CHURCH CORRUPTED! BUT ALWAYS, FROM BEGINNING, IT WAS MADE OF PEOPLE
2. RICH....NEED OF NOTHING..... POOR, BLIND, MAKE
A. PREOCCUPATION W/ PROPERTY - LITIGATION
B. BOARDS - EX., AER - GOOD, USEFUL, BUT...
C. "HOW HARDLY...RICHES...CAMEL...NEEDLE...."
3. PREOCCUPATION W/ OUR OWN GOODNESS
A. PROPER, ORTHODOX BELIEF - NOT ATHEISTS, RADICALS
B. OUR PROPER BEHAVIOR - NOT CRIMINALS, COMMUNISTS, HIPPIES.....
C. PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN
4. "IF YOU COULD BUY HIM FOR WHAT HE'S WORTH"
5. TERRIBLE TO THINK WE'RE RICH, FIND OUT WE ARE POOR, NOT ONLY POOR, BUT BLIND, NAKED
6. MIXTURE OF FIGURES - BUY OF ME - LEARN FROM HIM WHAT ARE REAL VALUES
III BEHOLD I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK
1. WHEN H. SPIRIT COMES IN, X COMES IN
2. WHO MAN CAN SAY, 'JESUS IS LORD', BUT BY S
3. BUT THAT ISN'T ALL - STILL MORE, MUCH MORE
4. AS WE COME TO UNDERSTAND MORE, COMMIT OURSELVES MORE DEEPLY, HE CONTINUES TO COME IN
5. MEET WITH HIM, HE WITH MEN - THERE'S A LOT MORE TO THIS THAN WE HAVE EVER KNOWN! AND HE IS KNOCKING, HE WANTS TO COME IN!

"REMEMBER THOSE IN BONDS, AS BOUND WITH THEM."
--- HES. 13:3
INT. - SIMPLE XIAN VIRTUES IN HES. 13 - BROTHERLY LOVE, HOSPITALITY, SEXUAL PURITY SHARING WITH THOSE IN NEED, XIAN CONCERN. 1 PEOPLE IN JAIL AREN'T NICE
1. MAYBE THEY WERE THEN - XIAN PERSECUTION AND MAYBE A FEW NOW, BUT NOT MANY
2. BUT MOSTLY CRIMINALS, MEN WHO GET DRUNK AND BEAT THEIR WIVES, MURDERERS, THIEVES, PROSTITUTES - BAD, UNTRUSTWORTHY, DIRTY
3. WHAT COULD WE EXPECT - CONSIDER XIAN ORIGIN
4. THAT DOESN'T EXCUSE, THEY ARE BOUND BUT STILL OBJECTS OF XIAN CONCERN
"I WAS IN PRISON.....LEAST OF THE PRISONERS TO ME"
II SOME ARE SOCIOLOGICALLY IN PRISON
1. CRIMINAL CLASSES, IN OR OUT
2. SLUM DWELLERS (CITY OR COUNTRY)
--- DIRTY, SHIFTLSS, THIEVING, INHUMAN
3. VICTIMS OF CIRCUMSTANCE
4. ALL OUR EFFORTS TO HELP MAY BE USEFUL
5. BUT IMPOSSIBLE TO REDEEM XIAN PRISONERS
III SOME ARE IN BONDS BECAUSE OF RACE
1. JAPANESE, INDIANS, ESPECIALLY NEGROES
2. HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE AN OUTCAST, TO BE TREATED ALL YOUR LIFE AS IF IT DIDN'T MATTER HOW YOU FELT, OR WHAT RAP. TO YOU?
3. DIRTY, IGNORANT, IMMORAL, SUPERSTITION - NOT ALL, BY ANY MEANS!
4. BUT IF THEY WERE, STILL OBJECTS OF XIAN CONCERN - PUT YOURSELF IN THEIR PLACE
IV AS BOUND WITH THEM
1. TRY TO THINK HOW THEY FEEL
2. GIRL IN CHARLOTTE, L. C. SCHOOL
3. PRAY FOR THEM AS IF IT WERE YOU

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me."
--Gal. 2:20
INT. - "Miserable sinners"
I XXXXXXXXXXXX Sin Lives in Me
1. So Paul in Rom. 7 -- I love God's law know it is right, resolve to obey, but then do not do it -- Why?
2. E. G., a man loses his temper, says unkind, irreverent things, does selfish things, phps hurting others
3. v. 17, "It is no longer I that do it, but sin which dwells within me" - does that mean I am not responsible? Far from it! for
4. My very self IS sinful
II I Am Crucified with Christ
1. Not literally, of course - Paul was still very much alive
2. Paul was not describing a special experience, as in II Cor. 12 - what he said about himself, he said about ME
3. Certainly I am not conscious of having one life end, another begin, in me.
4. Paul meant, When we accept X, we acc. his DEATH - when He was cruc., he took MY place, bore MY sin. If He is mine, his death is mine - and his life, too
III Christ Lives in Me
1. How could that be? Paul was still Paul, phys. defects, mannerisms, obstinacy, energetic whole personality same - but stng more
2. All his purpose, even pride, subj to X
3. We DO need to be ourselves - indivdly precious to us, our friends, to God too
4. And our SELF is sinful - that very, snf SELF, ylded to X, belonging to him, subj to X
5. X lives in us - no state of rapture, still ourselves, X lives in us - hence, we can never be satisfied w/ less than our best